

## COMMENT OF THE DAY

### British Budget Prospects

WHATEVER the Budget proposals which Mr. R. A. Butler intends to place before the House of Commons today, it is hardly likely they will be sensational in character. While the nation's finances are more buoyant than two years ago, its international economic position has improved only relatively. Two weaknesses stand out in the British economy and it can be expected that the 1954 Budget will endeavour to cure them. One is that productive investments have fallen off considerably, and the other is created by the rapidly developing foreign competition to British exports. Both shortcomings were emphasised by Treasury experts in a report published last week and their existence and the need for correction lend credence to the expectation that the Chancellor of the Exchequer will include in the Budget proposals for aiding industry. Two measures to this end are conceivable—a reduction concerning the liquidation of capital and the abolition of tax on non-distributed profits. The first of these measures would favour investments and the second would assist exporters to meet foreign competition.

THE Federation of British Industries recently made it very clear what it believes to be Mr. Butler's most effective way of handling the new Budget—concentrate on repeating the 1953 formula. What the FBI wants, in the form of a further cut in the standard rate of income tax and overall reduction in purchase tax rates, is the mixture as before. But this is by no means all it seeks. Having persuaded the Chancellor to get rid of his worst fiscal abomination, the excess profits levy, last year, it insists that the profits tax, which ranks next in order of harmfulness, must follow it as quickly as possible. Nevertheless, it appears unlikely, at any rate on the basis of relevant data, that Mr. Butler's scope for tax reliefs in this year's Budget will be very wide. The Federation by suggesting that the Chancellor concentrate on the standard rate of income tax and on the purchase tax is, in fact, proposing that other necessary reforms be left in abeyance.

THE whole question of tax relief is one of priorities, but since the main weight of argument relates to the need for more savings and with it the incentive to investment in industry, a cut in the rate of direct tax on earnings and investment income is presumably regarded as the most urgent task of all. That income tax and purchase tax concessions would be widely popular there is no doubt, but it is recollected that a year ago Mr. Butler firmly rejected the proposition of purchase tax reductions largely on the grounds that the Exchequer could not afford to lose the substantial revenue which the tax produces, and it is highly conceivable that he will find it necessary to repeat that objection today. Britain's prime problem remains higher production and increased exports. This is the basis for the nation's full economic recovery and the important task therefore which confronts Mr. Butler, is to provide incentives for the realisation of these two objectives. It is somewhat sobering to have to recognise that evidence so far does not suggest that the general taxation relief for business introduced last year has induced a higher level of industrial development. But this, perhaps, is due to the fact that the relief is not yet sufficiently embracing.

## Escalators For Jockey Club's New Grandstand

### Full Details Of New Project In Exclusive Story

## SELF-CONTAINED GALLERY FLOORS DESIGN

By the end of 1955 the Happy Valley Race Course should have a new eight-storey grandstand building—the most modern in the Far East—which will give Hongkong race-goers more space, more convenient and easily accessible betting facilities, less stair-climbing and a much more enjoyable day at the races.

The Hongkong Jockey Club has commissioned the firm of architects, Leigh and Orange of Hongkong, to draw up plans for the new building which will replace the present central portion of the grandstand. The two adjoining wings which comprise mainly private boxes will remain.

Some features of the new building: there will be no clock tower, but probably a main central clock on the face of the building. And the architects claim that for the first time in the Colony, there will be escalators to the three gallery floors to supplement the lifts and stair-cases. These escalators are reversible so that their direction can be changed at any time to carry large crowds into or out of the galleries. The new building will probably be cream coloured.

Another virtue is that each floor has been designed in such a way that it will be "self-contained". For instance, if you are sitting on the second floor gallery there is no need to go traipsing up and down stairs either to place your bet or to buy a drink. There is on each of the first three floors a long centrally-situated betting and paying out counter and a bar. There are also lavatories on each of these floors.

The reasons for building the new grandstand are well-known. "The present congestion and inconvenience at race meetings due to the volume of attendance have rendered the existing premises out of date and are entailing great difficulties in administration and discomfort to the members," the architects told the Building Authority in a letter detailing its plans. "We consider (this) scheme will undoubtedly solve the prevailing serious problems. Members' accommodation will be greatly increased and a considerable improvement in vertical and horizontal movement of crowds effected by the provision of escalators and stair-cases and lifts at suitable points and the re-siting of the betting and paying-out locations."

**PROTECTION FROM RAIN**  
Under the plans drawn up the first two galleries have almost complete protection from the rain. The third gallery, however, is slightly more exposed to the elements. The protruding roof covers about three-quarters to seven-eighths of the area of this gallery. In each gallery there are conventional benches for seating.

The fifth floor, where there will be the Members' restaurant, and the sixth floor where there will be the Members' bar and the ladies' lounge, will have wide spacious verandahs looking out on to the course.

This modern building is a far cry from the brick and meeting club built in 1893 at a cost of \$28,000 and it will be a vast improvement on the existing grandstand built in 1930.

**FIND NEW HOME**  
The demolition of the central section will mean that the weighing room, saddle room, jockeys' room and lavatories, office and steward's room will have to be moved to the ground floor of the North Wing and that will be their new home. The architects say this will be a handy position for these rooms because of their proximity to the paddocks.

The new plans are unique: the architects pointed out it was impossible to design the grandstand building on the lines of any other in the world because of the comparatively small size of the Hongkong course.

The height of the new building will be 106 ft, or just under the level of the present tower. The tower clock tower and when completed it will occupy an area of 15,600 square feet.

Above the three gallery floors, the architects and the Jockey Club are considering installing 10 boxes on the fourth floor. Behind these will be betting facilities, an air-conditioned ticket-issuing machine, store rooms and a paper store office. Above this floor will be the large Members' restaurant with a verandah overlooking the course and on the next floor the Members' bar, the ladies' lounge and kitchens. On the seventh floor will be the staff quarters. The total estimated cost of the new building will be known until the plans have been finalised.

### Churchill Turns Down Proposal

London, Apr. 5. Sir Winston Churchill answered "No sir" today to a suggestion that he invite the French Premier, M. Joseph Laniel, to London to discuss putting an end to the Indo-China war.

Mr. Woodrow Wyatt, Labour member of Parliament, also suggested Sir Winston discuss the US Secretary of State, Mr. John Foster Dulles' proposals to increase United Nations aid to Indo-China.

The Prime Minister said he was already in touch with the French and US governments on the Indo-Chinese issue.

France-Press.

### Fire On Warship

Portsmouth, April 5. Fire broke out aboard the HMS Vanguard, flagship of the home fleet, today but was quickly extinguished. Firemen who went aboard at the jetty, where the Vanguard is anchored, said a ventilating fan had become overheated. The Admiralty said there was no evidence of sabotage. United Press.



**DIEN BIEN PHU BATTLE.**  
Picture above, shows French Union reinforcements being parachuted at Dien Bien Phu, and opposite, wounded are given treatment in a first aid post at the besieged fortress. —London Express.

### At Dien Bien Phu

## Giap Calls Up More Troops

Hanoi, Apr. 5. With Vietminh casualties in the Dien Bien Phu battle now estimated at the equivalent of a full division, the Vietminh commander-in-chief, General Vo Nguyen Giap, is now summoning reinforcements from available units in the north of Vietnam.

Obsessed with gaining a victory at whatever cost before the Geneva Conference on Asia on April 20, General Giap is reducing his strength in areas of secondary importance to throw his full power into the battle for the war-blasted bowl, which consists of nothing but trenches.

The general feeling here is that following on the respite in the battle, new and violent Vietminh assaults will come.

General Giap appears to need time to reorganise his stocks of food and ammunition. These are brought up by trucks to within a few miles of the stronghold. Thousands of coolies carry them from there to the Vietminh positions.

General Giap's chief need at the moment, however, is the early replacement of the losses which his forces have suffered in the first two phases of the battle. Reinforcements ordered up from other areas have to come by foot along the many miles of jungle paths and will not be available to fight for several days.

French-Vietnam losses in the battle are admitted to be heavy but comparably less than those sustained by General Giap's forces. —France Press.

### Egyptian Press To Be Purged

Cairo, Apr. 6. Major Salah Salem, Minister of National Guidance, last night announced the purging of the Egyptian press and removal of "corrupted elements" in a series of measures to "protect" the revolution. —Reuters.

### Second Baby In 3 Weeks

Chelsea, Mass., Apr. 5. For the second time in three weeks, a sailor's wife gave birth to a baby today. The babies, a boy and a girl, are not twins. Mrs. Theima Chapman, 32, bore the second child at Chelsea Naval Hospital. The boy weighed four pounds and six and a half ounces. The mother and baby and the four-pound and four-ounce girl born on March 15 are all doing nicely, the Hospital said. Captain L. T. Dorgan, the Hospital's chief obstetrician, said that it was not determined whether both babies were conceived at the same time. Doctors said that Mrs. Chapman has dual procreative organs, a medical rarity. —United Press.

### African Losing His Pigmentation

Johannesburg, Apr. 6. An African in the Wolmaranstad district has been steadily losing his pigmentation over a period of years, and today has a skin which, apart from one or two dark spots, is completely European in appearance.

According to the local district surgeon who has examined him, his skin is lighter than that of many Europeans and his short curly hair is the only thing that sets him apart from a European when seen at close range. At long range there is almost no difference.

"I have never seen anything like it," said the doctor. "He is not an albino. I have known (Contd. on Back Page, Col. 1)



### Russian Soldiers Shoot At And Wound Woman

Vienna, Apr. 5. Russian soldiers wounded a 54-year-old woman and shot at a Viennese policeman in one of the most violent Austrian weekends since the war, the police said today.

The wounded woman, Maria Schmid, said a Russian trooper shot her in the upper leg on Saturday night when she refused his command to halt in a Vienna suburb.

In the second incident, an Austrian policeman said a Soviet officer fired at him with a pistol from the sidewalk of a speeding motorcycle on Sunday afternoon.

At least 10 Austrians died violently over the weekend. Officials counted four slayings, four suicides, three flood drownings and five accidental gas deaths. —United Press.

## Socialist Motion On H-Bomb Talks Approved

### TIMING OF APPROACH IS LEFT TO GOVERNMENT

London, Apr. 6. The British Government last night agreed there should be top-level talks with the United States and Russia on the hydrogen bomb.

Mr. Anthony Eden, the Foreign Secretary, winding up a full-scale debate in the House of Commons, accepted a Labour Opposition motion calling for an immediate British initiative to bring about a meeting between Sir Winston Churchill, President Eisenhower and the Soviet Prime Minister, Mr. Georgi Malenkov on disarmament and strengthening collective security through the United Nations.

But he insisted that the Government must have the final word on the timing of an approach on the highest level. After his speech the motion was unanimously agreed to without a vote.

Earlier the Prime Minister, Sir Winston Churchill, told the House that with the Geneva Far East conference pending, "there could hardly be a more ill-chosen moment for a meeting of the heads of states and governments."

But while objecting to the word "immediate" in the Labour motion, the Prime Minister declared: "We shall seek by every means open to us an easing of international tension."

Mr. Herbert Morrison, Deputy Leader of the Opposition, explained that by "immediate" the Opposition meant "to start the best and most effective way to get a meeting."

Some of Sir Winston Churchill's own supporters were upset tonight that a debate, which started on a high, non-partisan plane should have degenerated into a row over the Quebec pact between the Prime Minister and the opposition.

Labour members declared he had "completely thrown away" a unique opportunity to speak for Britain to the anxious world on the hydrogen bomb problem.

### "SHOOTING ARROWS"

Mr. Clement Davies, leader of the Liberals, said so far as he knew hydrogen bombs had been made in Russia and the United States and nowhere else. Other NATO countries should take no part in their manufacture and this shows their condemnation of these bombs.

He criticised the Prime Minister for "shooting arrows" at Mr. Attlee over the Quebec agreement.

"He better than anyone ought to know there are occasions when he should avoid this and march on the great paths he set himself," he said.

Mr. Herbert Morrison, former Labour Foreign Secretary, suggested a meeting among the heads of state to reach a general agreement on how the latest bombs could be restricted or abolished and if possible an agreement on the disarmament of conventional weapons as well. They might then refer the matter to their officials to make the draft of a possible agreement and then meet again to consider the result. Eventually the matter would go before the "proper and final authority — the United Nations."

Mr. Morrison said that the word "immediate" in the opposition's motion meant that the Government should take "immediate diplomatic action in the best and most effective way to get a meeting."

Mr. Anthony Eden, the Foreign Secretary, began his reply by saying the Government accepted the Labour motion.

Mr. Eden said: "What I can say is this: the moment we think there is the least opportunity of a meeting at high level, being fruitful we shall not hesitate to go for it."

### NOT IN EFFECT

Washington, Apr. 5. The White House said today that a 1948 agreement between Sir Winston Churchill and President Roosevelt, banning the use of atom bombs except with each other's consent, was "not in effect at the present time."

Sir Winston Churchill disclosed the terms of the secret agreement in the House of Commons today.

President Eisenhower's press secretary, Mr. James Hagerty, said it was true that Sir Winston Churchill spoke with Mr. Eisenhower's assent. —Reuters.

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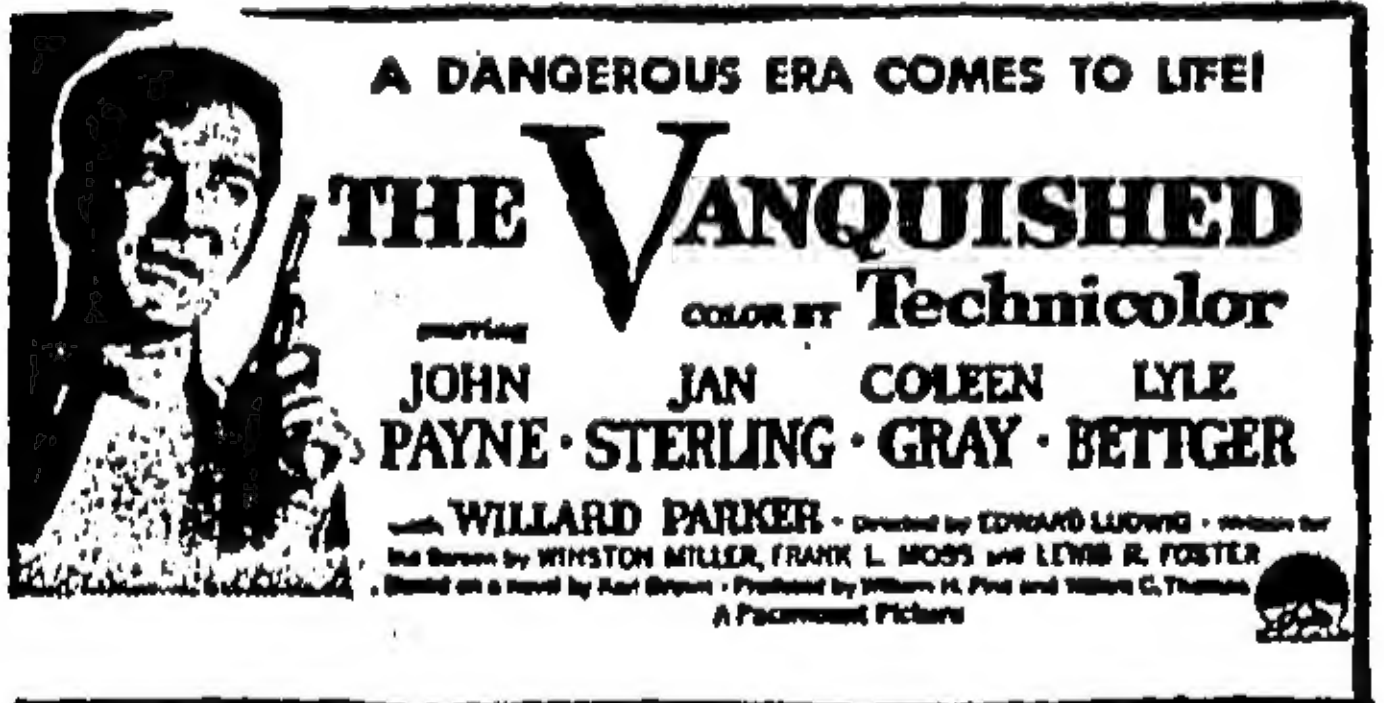
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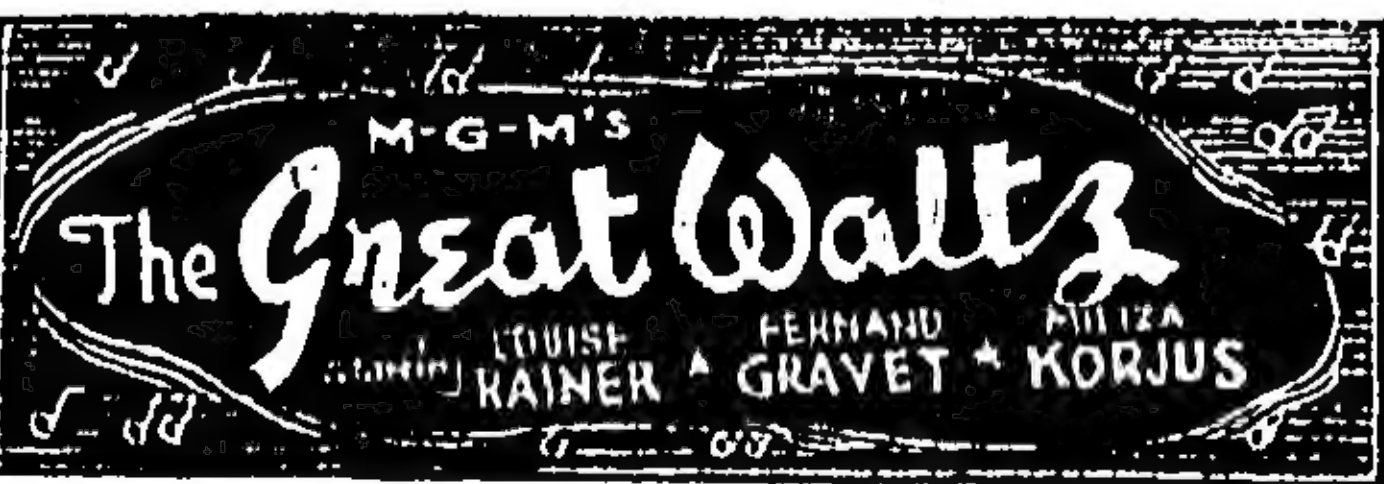
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## STH. KOREAN ELECTIONS

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Seoul, Korea, Apr. 6.

As the nations gather in Geneva to discuss a final settlement for his war-torn country, President Syngman Rhee, of the Republic of South Korea, will be facing the problems of a general election.

The election, to choose a National Assembly to replace the present one, has been tentatively fixed for May 20. The Geneva Conference meets on April 26, and will, in all probability, still be in session when the Korean election takes place on May 20.

As the election campaign gets into full swing, the situation is becoming more and more fluid and complicated.

According to an unofficial estimate of the Central Election Commission about 1,300 candidates will contest the 203 seats in the next National Assembly.

The National Assembly actually has 219 seats but as several districts have more than one seat, the next Assembly will have only 203 seats.

Of the 1,300 expected candidates, about 200 will stand for the pro-Government Liberal Party with the official support of the party, and about 100 for the opposition, Democratic Nationalist Party. The remaining 1,000 are described as "independent" although they will include many Liberals and Democrats who are not officially supported by the party.

As the election campaign gathers force, all the candidates are faced with the problem of financial backing. The Liberal Party has considerable funds. But its organization is extensive and it is doubtful whether every candidate of the party will get any substantial financial support.

On the other hand, Opposition politicians complain that the Government has suppressed them financially, by giving priority in granting bank loans to enterprises run by pro-Government persons and by selling former big Japanese enterprises to pro-Rhee businessmen.

**TAKING RISKS**  
With little money available to them in the country, Opposition politicians expect to receive campaign funds from rich overseas Koreans. The former Prime Minister and Ambassador to the United States, Mr. John Chang, and his followers are believed to be connected with anti-Rhee residents in the United States and the Chairman of the Assembly, Mr. P. H. Shinicky, and members of his Democratic Nationalist party are said to have many supporters among rich Koreans living in Japan.

But they will be taking risks if they bring in campaign funds from abroad. Liberal Assemblymen have recently pushed through a bill providing for "heavy penalties up to death" for those who use "foreign capital" for political purposes.

The Government has also banned the import of "unauthorized publications and printings" from Japan. Observers say that this means that Mr. Shinicky and other Democratic Nationalists will no longer be able to have their brief biographies and campaign pamphlets printed in Japan.

One of the characteristics of the coming election, officials of the Election Commission say, will be the candidacy of many Cabinet Ministers, former Ministers, other political leaders and 17 military men. Three Cabinet Ministers have already resigned, while the 17 military persons, including Vice-Chief of Naval Operations, have been transferred to the reserve, in order that they may stand as candidates.

Among political leaders expected to run are the former Prime Minister, Mr. John Chang, who was supported as Presidential candidate by anti-Rhee members of the Assembly in the summer of 1952. The Democratic Nationalist Party's Chough Pyung-ok, who was attacked by terrorists last summer for his support of the Allied ceasefire negotiations, is also running. The former Minister for Education, Mr. George Park, is regarded as another certain candidate, while the former Defence Minister, Mr. Lee Ki-poong, now a central committeeman of the Liberal party will stand as a Liberal.

All these former Ministers, if elected, will make their debut in the legislature.

**UP-HILL FIGHT**  
Almost all the leading Assemblymen are, of course, seeking re-election. In addition to these more or less conservative candidates there is a minority group of

liberal elements running for the coming elections. Mostly under the influence of Assembly Vice-Chairman Cho Bong-ahn, who was a runner-up in the last presidential election, they will run as Independents on an individual basis as they have no party.

About 30 followers of Cho in the Assembly and some other liberal candidates will have an up-hill fight in the elections because they are exposed to attack from every other rival and because there are very few political funds, if any, available for them.

The most important, probably decisive, factor of all, however, is the Liberal Party, which is suffering from the purge of the former Prime Minister and Home Minister, Mr. Lee Bum-suk, and his followers from the party on direct orders from President Rhee.

Since the purge, party leadership has shifted to three personal associates of President Rhee. These include the former Defence Minister, Mr. Lee Ki-poong, but they are all inexperienced in organisational work. Despite strenuous efforts in the past six months to re-shape the party, it still has organisational weaknesses.

Liberal Party hopes to put forward an "officially supported" candidate in each electoral district, but it is at a loss whom to choose.

Political experts here believe it is doubtful whether the party will regain sufficient strength to hold the election to win a solid majority in the legislature. —China Mail Special.

## Call To Reject Japanese-P.I. Peace Treaty

Manila, Apr. 5. Senator Claro Recto tonight filed a resolution with the Senate, asking for the rejection of the Japanese peace treaty and cessation of friendly relations between the Philippines and Japan.

Political observers said the resolution reflected Senate reaction to the report on a 30,000,000 pesos Japanese lobby to secure the Senate's approval of the treaty.

Senator Recto said that after two years of negotiations Japan "has been unable to arrive at a just and equitable settlement of the Philippines' claims and further efforts by the Philippines Government towards this end would prove unavailing".

Senator Recto said despite Tokyo's denials, the Philippines have discovered that Japan is in a position to pay satisfactory reparations.

Congress journalists reported that Senator Recto's resolution has gained widespread support from fellow Government Nationalist Party Senators. —Reuter.

## High Tides In UK Subside

London, Apr. 6. Flood watchers relaxed along the English east coast today as dangerously high spring tides subsided without serious trouble.

Water entered some homes in the Hull industrial area, and basements and part of the park at Richmond up to the River Thames were flooded. —China Mail Special.

## Israel Complains

New York, Apr. 5. The Israeli Delegation to the United Nations lodged a formal complaint today with the Security Council against Jordan charging flagrant violations of the armistice agreement.

The complaint dealt with Jordan's refusal to participate in a conference with Israel in order to revise implementation procedures of the armistice agreement between the two countries.

The complaint also referred to the recent attack on passengers of an Israeli bus and other attacks allegedly committed by Jordanians.

The complaint said all these attacks occurred before the Nabatieh incident in which Jordanians were reported to have been killed by Israeli forces. —France-Press.

## Britain To Have Tax Cuts?

London, Apr. 5. The Conservative Government today approved Britain's Budget for this year which taxpayers hope will give the economy another shot of "incentive" tax reductions.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. R.A. Butler, will disclose the 1954-55 Budget in a speech to the House of Commons tomorrow. The Cabinet approved it early this afternoon.

With the British economy balanced and booming, experts forecast that Mr. Butler will give mild tax concessions to try to stimulate vital exports, but otherwise try to keep the present even keel.

Figures already published show that more than one-third will go for defence. And the shadow and bitterness of the big 11-bomb debate today will still hang over Budget Day, traditionally the high point of the Parliamentary year.

Expenditures this year are expected to total around £4,525,000,000. A total of £1,040,000,000 will go for defence.

How Mr. Butler will raise the money is the secret of Budget Day, a gala occasion when many members of Parliament wear top hats.

This is Mr. Butler's third Budget. The previous two have established him as undisputed No. 3 man in the Conservative Government, behind the Prime Minister, Sir Winston Churchill, and the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Anthony Eden.

For two consecutive years he has slashed taxes and put Britain back on the road to a freer economy after six years of Socialism. His Budgets have added greatly to Conservative electoral popularity. —United Press.

## General Vandenberg Buried

Washington, Apr. 5. General Hoyt S. Vandenberg was buried today in Arlington National Cemetery.

The 56-year-old former Air Force Chief of Staff, who died of cancer on Friday, received the final traditional military rites of a fallen hero.

Before the burial, President Eisenhower attended funeral services for General Vandenberg in Washington Cathedral conducted by the Very Rev. Francis B. Sayre, Dean of the Cathedral, and West Point chaplain Frank E. Pulley. The President did not go to the burial.

Scores of Congressmen, military leaders, and civilian chiefs went to the Cathedral where General Vandenberg's body had lain since Saturday in a huge draped casket before a huge flower-banked altar. —United Press.

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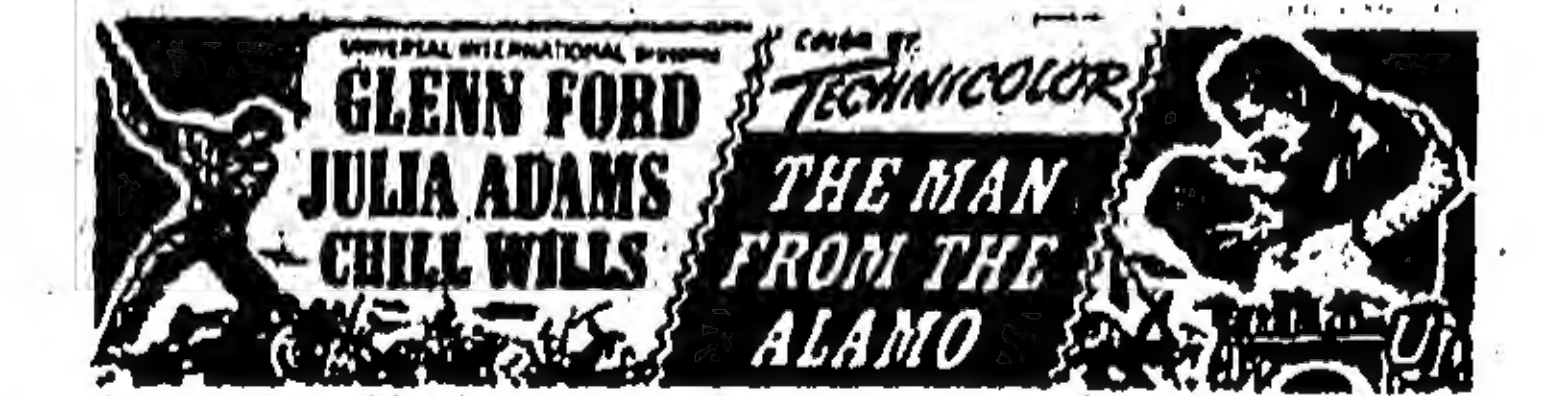
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# DULLES'S CHARGES SURPRISE

## LONDON

### Chinese Aid To Vietminh

#### INTERVENTION UNLIKELY AT THIS STAGE

London, Apr. 5.

The charges made earlier today by the US Secretary of State, Mr John Foster Dulles, of Chinese Communist participation in the Indo-China war caused some surprise in London today not only for the importance of the revelations but also for their possible consequences.

Sources close to Whitehall said Mr Dulles' statements before the House Foreign Affairs Committee did not mean America would intervene in the Indo-China war, all the more so as the latest reports from Dien Bien Phu said that the French defenders were not only resisting but were also counter-attacking.

These circles believed Mr Dulles' purpose was to warn the Chinese Communists against further direct intervention in Indo-China in case the Vietminh Commander General Giap, failed to take the beleaguered fortress.

They said the Chinese Communist Government would know now that any attempt to help Ho Chi-minh more directly would meet with "united action" from America and its allies.

At the United Nations headquarters, American sources said the Vietminh could not be referred to the UN without France's prior consent.

In Paris, an authoritative source said reports reaching the French Government from Indo-China on the participation of Chinese technicians in the Indo-China fighting were similar to those which Mr Dulles had received.

The source said Mr Dulles had revealed only a part of the information available concerning Chinese participation.

The French Secretary of State for Relations with the Associated States of Indo-China, M. Marc Jacquet, conferred with Premier Joseph Laniel immediately on hearing of Mr Dulles' statements.—France-Press.

#### FLIGHT CANCELLED

Hanoi, Apr. 5.

Fifty-three journalists from eight countries equipped with long-range cameras waited today near Hanoi airport for orders to fly over Dien Bien Phu. The French were going to try to evacuate the wounded from the besieged camp but the flight was cancelled.

Back in their press camp, the reporters learnt that in last night's Vietminh assault on the entrenched camp stronghold supporting the airstrip, small groups of the attackers infiltrated on to the airstrip where the Red Cross planes were to land.

The attack by young Vietminh suicide squads is regarded as proof that the Vietminh leader, Ho Chi-minh, wants to prevent the wounded from being evacuated without the risk of firing on Red Cross planes in full view of foreign observers.

Meanwhile, the authorities announced the end of the second round in the battle for Dien Bien Phu. The full did not last long, however, for at 7 p.m. the Vietminh mortars and guns began to pound the Franco-Vietnamese positions again, gradually concentrating their fire on the posts to the north-west which protect the routes to the airfield.

#### FURIOUS BARRAGE

The Vietminh gunners then put a furious barrage on to the already heavily damaged airstrip and in a few minutes made it useless for landings.

Attacks and counter-attacks succeeded each other all night and the position was taken and re-taken several times before the French finally gained the upper hand about 10.30 a.m. The Vietminh troops fell back slightly, leaving 1,000 new dead on the battlefield, already littered with bodies.

The latest Vietminh victims saw recruits of 17 and 18 thrown into battle, while their better trained comrades, used to fighting in this type of country, are kept in technical units.

The Dien Bien Phu battle has now lasted three weeks and though there are sometimes signs of weakening in the Vietminh ranks, yesterday's fighting proves that their vitality is still unimpaired and that the battle can last a long time.—France-Press.

#### "NOT USEFUL"

London, Apr. 5.

A detailed account of British aid to the French in Indo-China would "not be useful or appropriate," the Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, Mr Selwyn Lloyd, said in the House of Commons today.

He told a Labour member, Mr Woodrow Wyatt, the British Government had always considered sympathetically French requests for material assistance in Indo-China but nearly all such requests had been made to the United States.

Mr Lloyd referred to his House of Commons statement on July 13 that Britain had given "a considerable amount of ammunition" to the French for Indo-China.

Mr Wyatt had asked for a statement on the economic aid so far given and proposed to the French in Indo-China.—Router.



Changed Her Sex

#### The Pope Says:

### "Doctors Should Help Patients Morally As Well As Physically"

Vatican City, Apr. 5.

Pope Pius XII urged doctors to help their patients morally as well as physically, in a message to the Third International Congress on radiology released here today.

He praised the progress made by X-ray specialists, particularly in the treatment of cancer. He said that the scientists "disclose a bit more every day the treasures placed by the creator in his handiwork."

The message said that "radiology is proving more perfect every day and now holds such a place in general medicine that the latter can no longer ignore its potentialities nor do without its help."

"The rosiest hopes seem justified," the Pope said, "but such a prospect might be met among some by a harmful reaction: over-confidence and its almost automatic corollary, discouragement, when failure follows... Should you not, too, desire to extend your action to the moral level? The meaning of human destiny is not limited to the enjoyment or recovery of perishable health. It extends indefinitely, even to the unspeakable realities of the other world."

"How to accept sickness and suffering, how to profit from them for the purifying of the heart and for esteeming more exactly human values—these are the problems which present themselves to every sick person, and where solution he consciously or unconsciously seeks."

"If you are willing to help answer these questions all those who will have recourse to you, you will not have to fear the failure of your efforts in the medical sphere, nor even the misunderstanding and opposition of those who uphold different methods. Animated by a profound charity, you will perform an action which, besides its temporary efficacy, acquires eternal worth."—United Press.

#### Yoshida To Visit America

Washington, Apr. 5.

A State Department spokesman confirmed today Japanese Premier Shigeru Yoshida would visit the United States shortly at President Eisenhower's invitation.

The spokesman said the exact date of Mr Yoshida's arrival was not known but recalled that the Secretary of State, Mr John Foster Dulles, had invited Mr Yoshida during his visit to Japan last August.

President Eisenhower had repeated the invitation in a message to the Japanese Premier through the US Ambassador in Japan, Mr John Allison who returned to Washington last February for consultations.—France-Press.

#### TOTALITARIAN

Dr Wu also called upon President Chiang to vest all political and military powers of his regime in the hands of a Prime Minister, to be selected according to due process of law, and proclaim that the Cabinet system of government will prevail.

In previous communications, Dr Wu has accused President Chiang of fostering a totalitarian form of government.

In his new letter, he proposed Dr Wu Shih as Prime Minister of the first responsible Cabinet.

Dr Wu said his recommendations would be "simple and easy to carry out" if President Chiang decided to "reform" the United Press.

Another change of sex case has just come to light following an operation by a young Italian surgeon, Dr Musumeci, in Catania, Sicily, on Arturina Simonetta. Arturina is now known as Edward Simonetta who is pictured here after the operation.—Express Photo.

### DULLES'S VIEW OF JAPAN

Washington, Apr. 5.

The American Secretary of State, Mr John Foster Dulles, said today the completed Japanese defensive build-up "will contribute to the maintenance of peace and security in the Far East."

He testified today in the opening hearings of the House Foreign Affairs Committee on the United States foreign assistance programme for the next year. Details of the programme have not been made public.

"The Government of Japan is now planning to assume a larger share of responsibility for its own defence, which will contribute to the maintenance of peace and security in the Far East," he said.

"The Japanese have been understandably reluctant to assume the economic burden of recreating even a modest security establishment. Also they were shocked by the ghastly consequences of World War II that they have tended to close their eyes to the emergence of a new military threat."

"However, on March 8, 1954, a mutual security agreement was signed between the United States and Japan. It contemplates an expansion of the Japanese defence forces with United States assistance principally in terms of military end items."

"While this will create an item of cost for the United States, it is a cost which will have compensating benefits."—United Press.

### He Insulted M. Plevin

Paris, Apr. 5.

A man named Coeur Alain de Monsepy was remanded today on charges of uttering injurious words to Defence Minister Rene Plevin at yesterday's riots at the Arc de Triomphe tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Paris.

The riots occurred when M. Plevin and Premier Joseph Laniel went to lay wreaths on the tomb in a ceremony commemorating those killed in Indo-China and Korea.

De Monsepy was one of the six people arrested during the riots.—France-Press.

### How Stripped Can A Strip Tease Be?

Singapore, Apr. 5.

Entertainment producers here, scraping the bottom of the barrel to give money-conscious patrons their money's worth, are braving Police action to produce strip tease or something very near to it.

Because of the slump in tin and rubber prices, Malayan entertainment seekers want more value for their money and night clubs and cabaret owners realise that they must produce something more appealing and new or be run out of business.

A survey by a local newspaper showed that managers are trying to out-do one another in new stunts to bolster their dwindling trade.

Their task is made more difficult with the Police drawing a line to which strip tease performers can shed their clothes.

If they cross the boundary the Police step in and close the shows.

Strip teasing not being in their line most of the Chinese cafe singers are doing it against their will.

"Pure sex," one confessed.

### Is The Queen Going To Have A Home In Australia?

Perth, Apr. 5.

The Minister-in-Charge of the Royal Tour in Australia, Sir Eric Harrison, suggested today that the Queen might establish a country home in Australia.

Mr Harrison, speaking at a returned servicemen's luncheon, said that until shortly before her arrival in Australia, the Queen had to rely on an invitation to make a visit, but now she was Queen of Australia and could come "whenever she liked."

He said: "This, and the shorter travel times that air travel has brought about, might mean that some place of residence may have to be established here so that she can take her place in Australian life."—China Mail Special.

#### MAINBRACE

Canberra, Apr. 5. The Queen gave the traditional order—"Splice the Mainbrace"—to her Australian fleet today as Royal Australian Navy ships turned over the escort of her yacht near the Cocos Island.

This will mean an extra ration of rum for all Australian sailors.

The Flag Officer Royal Yachts, Vice-Admiral E.M.C. Abel Smith, signalled from the Gothic to the Australian Naval Board: "The Queen commands me to convey the following message to all Her Majesty's Australian ships and shore establishments—Splice the Mainbrace."

The Australian Navy handed over escort duties today to the cruiser New Foundland, flying the flag of Admiral Sir William Slater, Commander-in-Chief of the East Indies Fleet, and the cruiser Ceylon.

They will take the Gothic into Colombo.—Router.

#### ROYAL ZOO

London, Apr. 5. A Royal menagerie of 70 birds, 36 mammals, snakes and spiders collected by the Queen as gifts from zoos in Australia is now on its way to London.

They will be housed in a special enclosure at the London Zoo known as "The Queen's collection."—China Mail Special.

#### McCarthy Hearings

Washington, Apr. 5. The Senate Investigating Subcommittee today postponed until tomorrow a showdown on keeping Samuel P. Sears as Counsel for its forthcoming McCarthy-Armey hearings.

Mr Sears, a Boston lawyer whose impartiality has been questioned by Democrats because of pro-McCarthy statements he made in 1952, met briefly with members of the Sub-Committee but refused to talk to reporters about the controversy over his appointment.

"I am not going to say anything today," he said.

In reply to other questions, he said he had not yet officially begun his duties as Sub-Committee Counsel, and that he had not "the slightest idea" how soon public hearings might be started.

He also denied knowledge of a reported threat on his life. Senator Karl E. Mundt, a Republican, acting as temporary Chairman of the Sub-Committee, announced after a conference with Mr Sears and Senator John L. McClellan, senior Democratic member of the Sub-Committee, that a formal meeting on Mr Sears' appointment was put off until tomorrow.—United Press.

### Canada Not Endangered

Ottawa, Apr. 5.

Test explosions of atomic and hydrogen bombs had caused no dangerous radio-active material to fall in Canada, the Defence Minister, Mr Brooke Claxton, said in the House of Commons today.

The effects of such particles as had fallen over Canada had been "very much below" the point where they could cause any danger to public health," Mr Claxton said in reply to a question.—Router.

### Important Red Cross Meeting

To Discuss Atomic Warfare

Geneva, Apr. 6.

Fifteen experts from 11 countries met today to discuss amendments to existing Red Cross conventions in view of the possibility of hydrogen and atomic warfare.

The meeting has been called by the International Committee of the Red Cross.

Professor Masao Tazusaki of Tokyo University will review his findings of the recent hydrogen explosions in the Pacific.

Professor Tazusaki has had first-hand knowledge of the treatment of Japanese fishermen showered with "death ash" after the explosion of March 1.

All meetings will be held in secret.

The experts will not represent their Governments but have been chosen as professional men—soldiers, scientists, doctors and jurists—to provide the widest possible range of experience in re-drafting the conventions.

The meeting will be the forerunner of a much larger one to be called later by the Red Cross.

Delegates have come from Belgium, Britain, France, Finland, Holland, Italy, Japan, Norway, the United States, West Germany and Yugoslavia. Poland and East Germany are invited but have not replied.—Router.

### Charged With Violating Trade Embargo

London, Apr. 5.

Eight men and four corporations went on trial today, charged with attempting to export strategic materials (copper and brass) worth £463,000 sterling to Poland.

Mr Gilbert Beyfus, conducting the case for the Government, said it was remarkable for the "immunity of the transacting the status of some of the defendants and the reckless disregard they have shown for the interests of this country."

He said some of the defendants were men of position who had held high rank in the British Army. They are accused of pretending to ship the material to Commonwealth countries while actually slipping it through the Iron Curtain.

The individual defendants are Richard Doveaux of Great Britain and Royston Fenn of Bolzano, Italy, directors of the Wellington Trust Ltd., Syd Zulfiqar Quli of Karachi, Pakistan; William Ruward, Dutch, managing director of R. Ruward and Company, Ltd.; Wladyslaw Koslak, Polish shipping agent; Mikolaj Flerschlanski, broker; Alfred Weiss, a shipping clerk; and Colonel Frank Norman, described by Beyfus as a member of the Westminster Chamber of Commerce.—United Press.

### Protest To Red China Demanded

Ottawa, Apr. 5.

The Opposition leader, Mr George Drew, suggested in the Canadian House of Commons today that the Government protest to the Communist Chinese government against damage and indignities suffered by Canadian missionaries in China.

The Prime Minister, Mr Louis St. Laurent, said he would look into the suggestion.

Mr Drew said other governments apparently were making representations to the Peking government so that the matters might be discussed at this month's conference in Geneva.

He said Canada should make representations for "redress of loss of property, indignities and hardship" suffered by Canadian missionaries since the Communist overran China.—United Press.

### East Germany's "Sovereignty" Exposed

Berlin, Apr. 5.

The East German Communists today tightened their hold on the Soviet Zone government in a demonstration of the real meaning of the "sovereignty" Russia granted East Germany last week.

A new Party constitution, submitted today to the seventh session of the Party's eight-day convention, authorized the Zone's 1,200,000 Communists to see that Party policy is carried out in government. Ministers, factories and farms.

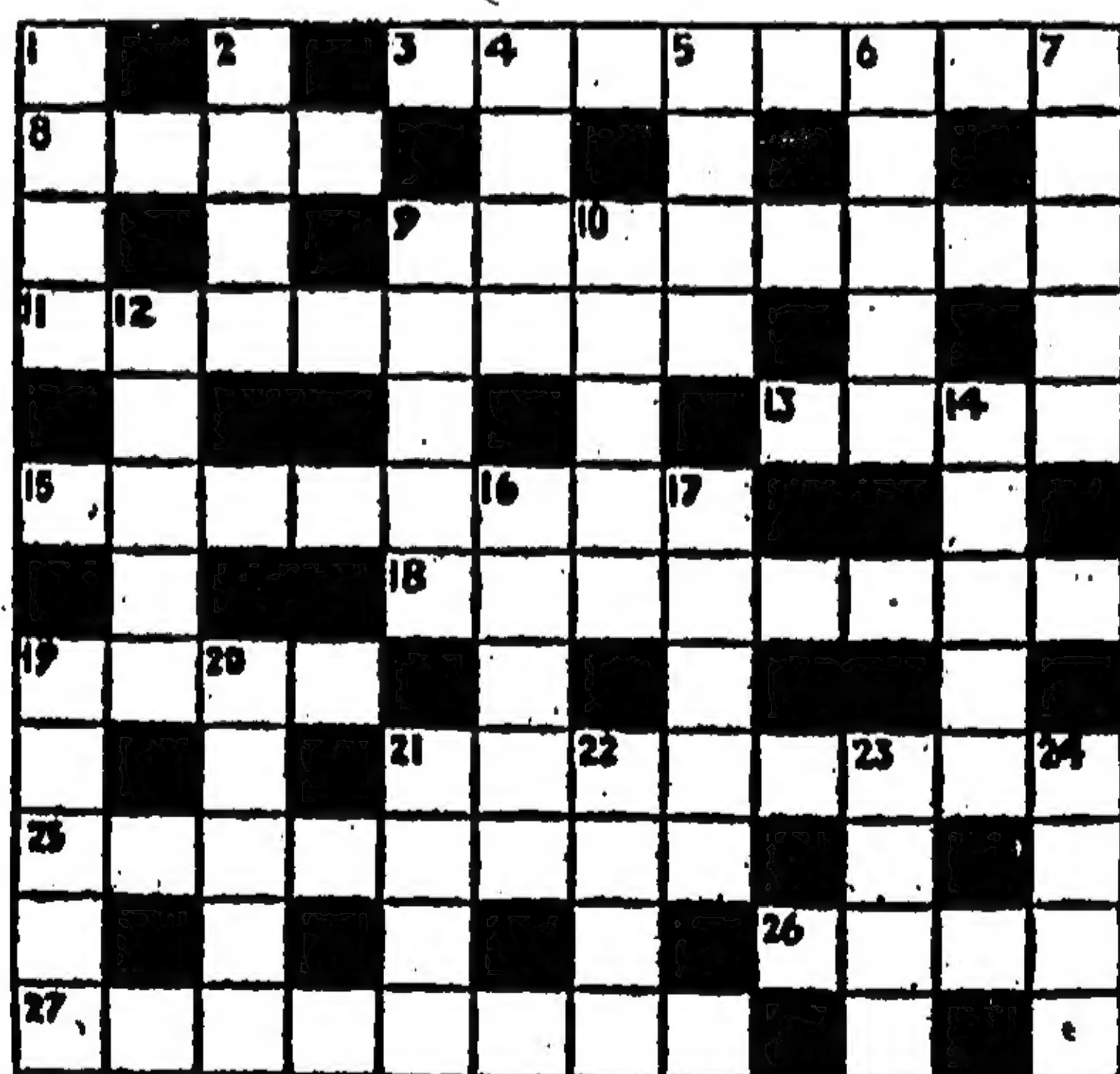
The new Party constitution will blot out what little power remains to the fellow-travelling but non-Communist Parties in the East Zone government.

Observers in West Germany had no doubt the constitution was planned in the Kremlin. The constitution requires Communist Party members to report to the Central Committee deviations from the Party line in Soviet Zone life and to single out those responsible for such deviations.

The order will result in the complete subordination of non-Communist Parties in the government to the Communists.

Many top government offices are still held by non-Communists but in the future, according to the new constitution, their Communist subordinates will have the power virtually to overrule their decisions.—United Press.

### A British Crossword Puzzle



#### ACROSS

- 3 Feels oppressed with heat (8).
- 8 Catch (4).
- 9 For certain (8).
- 11 Calculated (8).
- 13 Successor (4).
- 16 Recurred (8).
- 18 Dine (8).
- 19 Frolic (4).
- 21 Limit (8).
- 25 Opposite (8).
- 26 Bitter (4).
- 27 Anguish (8).

#### DOWN

- 1 Smart (4).
- 2 Fate (4).
- 4 Sharpen (4).
- 5 Deposited (4).
- 6 Banish (8).
- 7 Perpendicular (5).
- 9 Old coin (8).
- 10 Heedle state (8).
- 12 Musical work (5).
- 14 Louer (8).
- 15 Voice (5).
- 17 A non-worker (5).
- 19 Clear (8).
- 20 Peals (8).
- 21 Bruise (4).
- 22 Employed (4).
- 23 Eager (4).
- 24 Tale (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD.—Across: 1 Stages, 4 Trims, 7 Expedite, 8 Moose, 9 Trance, 11 Narrative, 13 Spreads, 15 Stated, 16 Model, 18 Original, 20 Roses, 21 Sherry, Down: 1 Spent 2 Green, 3 Stumped, 4 Tremor, 5 Ignorant, 6 Severe, 10 Abridges, 12 Assault, 13 Snapper, 14 Allows, 16 Alike, 17 Dally.



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## Concluding the ADVENTURE of the ABBAS RUBY

### WHAT HAS HAPPENED SO FAR

While Sir John Davenport, the celebrated horticulturist, and his guests are in his conservatory, investigating the theft of his prize camellias, the Abbas ruby disappears from the library. Andrew Joliffe, the butler, is arrested. He has been previously convicted as a jewel thief and the empty case of the ruby is found under his mattress. After interviewing Sir John and Lady Davenport, Sherlock Holmes finds the dead camellias covered with snow outside a passage window. He and Watson go on to see Lady Davenport's brother, Captain Masterman, who helped Joliffe get the job, and who said to Sir John after the theft: "I blame myself for not telling you his past history." They find him at the Nonpareil Club, an exclusive gambling club, where he is secretary.

"YOU choose strange times to call, gentlemen," he said with a trace of hostility in his voice. "It's cursed fate."  
"And getting later," my friend observed. "No, Captain Masterman, a chair is unnecessary. I prefer to stand."  
"Stand, then. What do you want?"  
"The Abbas Ruby," said Sherlock Holmes quietly.

I started and gripped my stick. There was a moment of silence while Masterman stared up at Holmes from the depth of his chair. Then, throwing back his head, he laughed heartily.  
"My dear sir, you must really excuse me!" he cried at length, his handsome face all a grin. "But your demand is a little excessive. The Nonpareil Club does not number absconding servants among its members. You must seek elsewhere for Joliffe."

"I have already spoken with Joliffe."  
"Ah, I see," he sneered. "Then you represent the interests of the butler?"  
"No, I represent the interests of Justice," replied Holmes sternly.

"Tell me how very imposing. Well, Mr. Holmes, your demand was so worded that it is lucky for you that I have no witnesses or it would go hard with you in a Court of Law. A cool five thousand guineas' worth of slander, I should say. You'll find the door behind you."  
HOLMES strode across to the fireplace and, drawing his watch from his pocket, compared it with the clock on the mantelpiece.

"It is now five minutes after midnight," he remarked. "You have until nine o'clock in the morning to return the jewel to me at Baker Street."  
Masterman bounded from his chair.  
"Now look here, damn you!" he snarled.

"It won't do, Captain Masterman, really it won't do. However, that you may realise that I am not bluffing, I will run over a few points for your edification. You know Joliffe's past record, and you got him the post with Sir John as a possible sinecure for the future."  
"Prove it, you cursed busy-body!"

"Later you needed money," continued Holmes imperturbably, "a great deal of money to judge from the value of the Abbas Ruby. I have no doubt that an examination of your card losses would give us the figure. Thereupon you contrived, I regret to add, with your sister's help a scheme that was cunning in its conception as it was merciless in its execution."  
"From Lady Davenport you obtained precise details of the jewel-case containing the stone, and you caused a duplicate of this case to be constructed. The difficulty was to know when Sir John would withdraw the ruby from the safe, which he did but rarely. The coming dinner party at which you were to be one of the guests suggested a very simple solution."

"Relying on the wholehearted support of the ladies, you would ask your brother-in-law to bring down the jewel. But how to ensure that he and the others would leave the room while the jewel was there? I fear that, here, we come upon the subtle traces of the feminine mind."  
"There could be no surer way than to play upon Sir John's pride in his famous red camellias. It worked out exactly as you foresaw."

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"WHEN Joliffe returned with the news that the bush had been stripped, Sir John instantly thrust the jewel case into the nearest receptacle and, followed by his guests rushed to the conservatory. You slipped back, pocketed the case and, on the robbery being discovered, volunteered the perfectly true information that his wretched butler was a convicted jewel thief. However, though cleverly planned and boldly executed, you made two cardinal errors."  
"The first was that the duplicate jewel case, which had been rather amateurishly smashed and then planted under the mattress of Joliffe's bed, probably some hours in advance, was lined in pale velvet. My lens disclosed that this delicate surface contained not the slightest trace of rubbing such as invariably occurs from the mounting of a pendant jewel."  
"The second error was fatal. Your sister stated that she had plucked the blossom in her gown immediately prior to dinner and, such being the case, the flowers must have been there at eight o'clock. I asked myself what I should do if I wished to dispose of a dozen blossoms as swiftly as possible. The answer was the nearest window. In this instance, the one in the passage."

IN the years of my association with the cases of my friend, Sherlock Holmes, I have seen many beautiful women cross our threshold. But I cannot recall one whose beauty surpassed that of the woman who now, with a deep frown, and the gleam of her teeth, looked at me. She had brown hair, well combed, and a pale radiance in her perfect face was the nearest window. In this instance, the one in the passage."

"But the snow which lay in a deep drift below disclosed no trace whatever. This, I confess, caused me some perplexity until, as Doctor Watson can testify, the obvious solution dawned on me. I rushed back and, proceeding very carefully to remove the snowdrift under the window, I came upon the remains of the missing camellias lying on the frozen earth."  
"As they were too light to sink through the snow they must have been flung there before the snowfall commenced at six o'clock. Lady Davenport's story was therefore a fabrication and, in the answer to the whole problem."

"During my friend's exposition, I had watched the angry flush on Captain Masterman's face fade into an ugly pallor, and now, as Holmes ceased, he crossed swiftly to a desk in the corner, an ominous glint in his eyes.  
"I wouldn't," said Holmes pleasantly.  
Masterman paused with his hand on a drawer.  
"What are you going to do?" he rasped.

"Providing the Abbas Ruby is returned to me before nine o'clock, I shall make no public exposure, and doubtless Sir John Davenport will forbear further enquiries at my request. I am protecting his wife's name. Were it otherwise, you would feel the full weight of my hand upon you, Captain Masterman, for when I consider your involvement of your sister and your foul plot to ensnare an innocent man I am hard put to it to recall a more black-guardly villain."  
"But the scandal, curse you!" cried Masterman. "What of the scandal in the Nonpareil Club? I'm over my ears in card debts, and if I give up the ruby—" he paused and shot us a swift, furtive glance.  
"Look here, Holmes, what about a sporting proposition—?"

MY FRIEND turned towards the door.  
"You have until nine o'clock," he said coldly. "Come, Watson."  
The snow had begun to fall again as we waited in St. James's Street while the porter whistled for a cab.  
"My dear fellow, I'm afraid that you must be very tired," Holmes remarked.  
"On the contrary, I am always invigorated by your company," I answered.

"Well, you have deserved a few hours' rest. Our adventures are over for tonight."  
But my friend spoke too soon. A belated hansom carried us to Baker Street, and I was in the act of opening the front door with my latch-key when our attention was arrested by the lamps of a carriage approaching swiftly in the direction of Marylebone Road.  
The vehicle, a closed four-wheeler, came to a halt a few yards down the street and, an instant later the muffled figure of a woman hurried towards us. Though her features were hidden under a heavy veil, there was something vaguely familiar in her tall graceful form and the queenly poise of her head as she stood face to face with us on the snow-covered pavement.  
"I wish to speak with you," Holmes, she cried imperiously.  
My friend raised his eyebrows. "Perhaps you would go ahead, Watson, and light the gas," he said quietly.

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Sir John gave a startled cry...

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the sidebar, and handing one to our visitor. "It is a chill morning, and I can heartily recommend the rarity of this vintage."

With a slight frown of disapproval, Sir John Davenport lifted the glass to his lips. There was a moment of silence, broken by a sudden startled cry. Our visitor, his face as white as the piece of linen which he had put to his mouth, stared wildly from Holmes to the flaming flashing crystal which had fallen from his lips into his handkerchief.

"The Abbas Ruby!" he gasped.  
Sherlock Holmes broke into a hearty laugh and clapped his hands together.

"Really, you must forgive me!" he cried. "My friend, Doctor Watson, will tell you that I can never resist these somewhat dramatic touches. It is perhaps the Vernet blood in my veins."

Sir John Davenport gazed thunderstruck at the great jewel, smouldering and winking against its background of white linen.

"Good heavens, I can scarcely credit my own eyes," he said in a shaking voice. "But how on earth did you recover it?"  
"Ah, there I must crave your indulgence. Suffice to say that your butler, Joliffe, who was a sordid wronged man, was released this morning and that the jewel is now returned safely to its rightful owner," replied Holmes kindly. "Here is the ticket and chain from which I took the liberty of removing the stone in order that I might play my little trick upon you by concealing the ruby in your port wine. I beg that you will press the matter no further."

"IT shall be as you wish, Mr. Holmes," said Sir John, with a grateful nod. "Indeed, I have cause to place every confidence in your judgment. But what can I do to express—"

"Well, I am far from a rich man, and I shall leave it to you whether or not I have deserved your five thousand pounds reward."

"Many times over," cried Sir John Davenport, drawing a cheque book from his pocket. "Furthermore, I shall send you a cutting from my red camellias."

Holmes bowed gravely. "I shall place it in the special charge of Watson," he said. "By the way, Sir John, I will be glad if you would make out two separate cheques. One for £2,500 in favour of Sherlock Holmes and the other for a similar amount in favour of Andrew Joliffe. I fear that from this time forward you might find your late butler a trifle nervous in his domestic duties, and this sum of money should be ample to set him up in the cigar business, thus fulfilling the secret ambition of his life. Thank you, my dear sir. And now, I think that for once we might really break our morning habits and by partaking of a glass of port modestly celebrate the successful conclusion of the case of the Abbas Ruby."

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## The NEW Exploits of SHERLOCK HOLMES

challenged Holmes's stern and uncompromising glance.  
"I had not expected this late visit, Lady Davenport," he said austere.

"I thought that you were omniscient, Mr. Holmes," she replied with a faint mockery ringing in her voice. "But, perhaps you know nothing about women."

"I fail to see—"  
"Must I remind you of your boast? The loss of the Abbas Ruby is a disaster, and I could not rest in my anxiety to know whether or not you have fulfilled your promise. Come, sir, admit that you have failed."

"On the contrary, I have succeeded."

Our visitor rose from her chair, her eyes glittering.  
"This is an ill jest, Mr. Holmes," she cried haughtily.

I HAVE remarked elsewhere that, despite his profound distrust of the opposite sex, it was my friend's nature to be chivalrous to women. But now, for the first time, as he faced Lady Davenport, I saw his face harden ominously in the presence of a woman.  
"The hour is a trifle late for tiresome pretences, Madam," said he. "I have visited the Nonpareil Club and taken some pains to explain to your brother both the manner in which he acquired the Abbas Ruby and the part which you—"  
"My God!"  
"Which you, I say, played in the matter. I beg that you will spare me my delusion that

you played that part unwillingly."

For an instant the beautiful, imperious creature faced Holmes in the circle of lamplight, then, with a low moaning cry, she fell on her knees, her hands clutching at his coat. Holmes stooped and raised her swiftly. "Kneel to your husband, Lady Davenport, and not to me," he said quietly. "Indeed, you have much to answer for."

"I swear to you—"  
"Hush, I know all. Not a word shall pass my lips."

"You mean that you will not tell him?" she gasped.

"I see nothing to be gained thereby. Joliffe will be released in the morning, of course, and the affair of the Abbas Ruby brought to a close."

"God reward you for your mercy," she whispered brokenly. "I will do my best to make amends. But my unfortunate brother—his losses at cards—"

"AH YES, Captain Masterman. I do not think, Lady Davenport, that you have cause to worry too deeply over that gentleman's bankruptcy and the resultant scandal in the Nonpareil Club may have the result of starting him upon a more honourable path than that which he has pursued up to now. Indeed, once the scandal has become a thing of the past, Sir John might be persuaded to arrange a commission for him in some overseas military service. From what I have seen of that young man's enterprise and address, I have no doubt that he would do very well on the Northwest frontier of India."

Evidently I was more fatigued than I had supposed by the events of the night, and I did not awake until nearly ten o'clock. When I entered our sitting-room I found that Sherlock Holmes had already finished his breakfast and was lounging in front of the fire in his old red dressing-gown, his feet stretched out to the blaze, and the air rained with the smoke of his after-breakfast pipe, composed of the previous day's dottle. I rang for Mrs.

Hudson and ordered a pot of coffee and some rashers and eggs.

"I'm glad that you're in time, Watson," he said, shooting an amused glance at me from beneath his drooping lids.

"Mrs. Hudson's capability to produce breakfast at any hour is not least among her virtues," I replied.

"Quite so. But I was not referring to your breakfast. I am expecting Sir John Davenport."

"In that case, Holmes, as it is a delicate affair it would be better perhaps that I leave you alone."

HOLMES waved me back to my seat.  
"My dear fellow, I shall be glad of your presence. And here, I think, is our visitor a few minutes before his time."

There came a knock on the door and the tall stooping figure of the well-known horticulturist entered the room.  
"You have news for me, Mr. Holmes!" he cried impetuously. "Speak out, sir, speak out! I am all attention."

"Yes, I have news for you," Holmes replied with a slight smile.

Sir John darted forward. "Then the camellias—" he began.  
"Well, well. Perhaps we would be wise to forget the red camellias. I noticed a goodly crop of buds on the bush."

"I thank God that is true," said our visitor devoutly, "and I am glad to perceive, Mr. Holmes, that you place a higher value on the aesthetic qualities of Nature than on the intrinsic treasure of man's handiwork. Nevertheless, there still remains the dreadful loss of the Abbas Ruby. Have you any hope of recovering the jewel?"  
"There is every hope. But, before we discuss the matter any further, I beg that you will join me in a glass of port."

Sir John raised his eyebrows. "At this hour, Mr. Holmes?" he exclaimed. "Really, sir, I hardly think—"

"Come now," smiled Sherlock Holmes, filling three glasses at

## The German For Blackmail

Bad Godesberg. I WONDER whether our Mr Eden and Washington's Mr Dulles would preserve their blithe confidence in the usefulness of German rearmament if they could see a memorandum which I have in front of me now.

It is a memorandum on Germany's post-Berlin foreign policy prepared by a former S.S. captain and ex-Ribbentrop diplomat, Dr G. A. Sonnenhol.

The doctor is today the right-hand man of Vice-Chancellor Blucher.

This document has been the basis of a serious discussion of Germany's foreign policy by the Foreign Affairs Committee of the Free Democratic Party.

This party is financed by the Rhine and Saar industrialists, numbers many ex-staff officers among its deputies.

Reminiscent  
MAIN point of the memorandum is that the cold war between East and West must be kept going by the Germans so that they can play off one lot against the other, reunify Germany, and assert of increase the power of the Fatherland.

## SEFTON DELMER today reveals an astonishing and sinister document

On that occasion Himmler held out the possibility of an end to Germany's troubles by a truce with the Allies.

The Germans, he said, would play the Russians off against the West and then intervene triumphantly in the inevitable war, with a German people's army retained, re-equipped, and S.S.-led.

Take a glance at these extracts and you will get the idea.

Revise...  
AFTER arguing that the tension between the victors of 1945 has already been exploited so successfully that Germany is strong enough to abandon her policy of absolute reliance on the West and blind obedience to its orders, Dr Sonnenhol says:

"Our war potential has now become so great once more that such a policy (of subservience) is no longer permissible. In Germany's war potential considerable in comparison with the two opposing Powers, would become decisive if added to one side or the other."

"Fears in the West of a German-Soviet understanding coupled with the intransigence shown by the Russians at the Berlin conference, give a strong negotiating position to the Government which it can and must exploit."

THE Government must declare immediately its refusal to tolerate any further delay in the formation of German defence forces.

Germany's security must be assured either by the creation of a national German Army, failing a European one, or as an interim measure, by an increase in the members and equipment of the West German police to three times the strength of the police force in the Soviet zone. (This would give West Germany 30 divisions.)

Next, the Bonn treaty must be revised so as to remove the last restriction imposed on German sovereignty. In particular, all control of German arms production by the security board must be removed.

The restraints forbidding German industry to form trusts and cartels must be abolished. The Western Powers must return to Germany their foreign assets which were confiscated abroad. They must contribute also some financial assistance to help the West Germans relieve the distress in the German Soviet zone.

German trade and industry must be relieved by a special exemption from the restraints imposed on Western nations by the embargo on trade with Eastern bloc countries. The memorandum formulates a number of immediate requirements for the Government.

with China and the Soviet world.

What is the argument with which all these demands are to be pressed on us? Quite simply: Blackmail.

"We must use the thesis in our discussions with the Western Powers," says Dr Sonnenhol, "that Germany and the Soviet zone in particular are today suffering as martyrs for the Western peoples."

Germany renounces the kind of retribution offered her by the Russians for the sake of the other Western countries.

"But Germany cannot be treated as a former enemy if one does not want to run the risk of the German potential one day being placed at the disposal of the Russians."

And just to ram that point home, the memorandum proposes that the West German Government should establish official trade representations in the Soviet Union, China, and the Iron Curtain satellite States. And also, of course, get into direct contact with the Soviet German Government in Berlin.

Stop it

IT is a telling document this, isn't it? And believe me, it is as close as can be to what the foreign policy will be which the Germans are in fact going to follow.

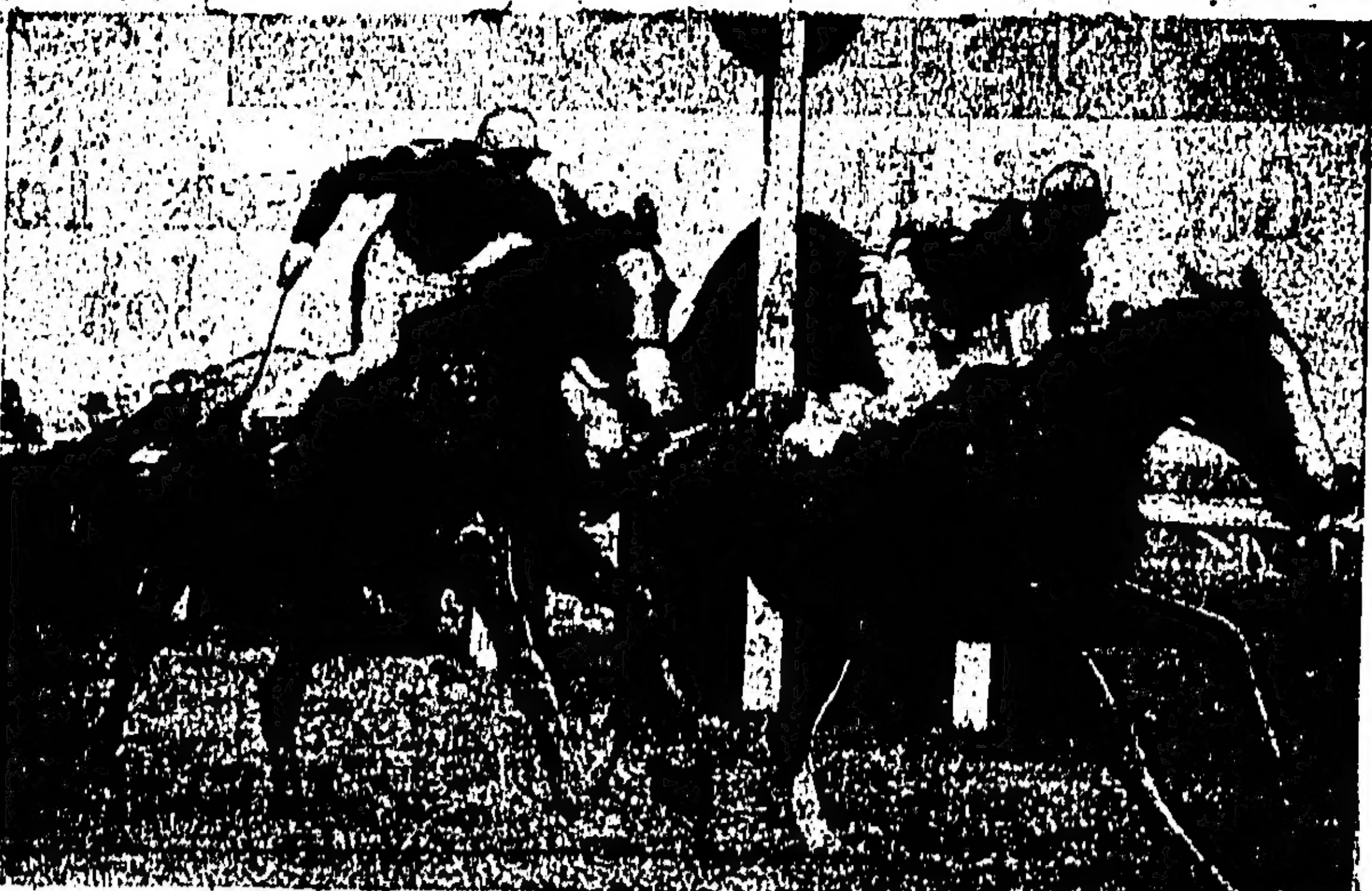
It is not too late yet. We can still veto Adenauer's rearmament Bill. We can stop German rearmament dead. That would shatter these monstrous projects of Bonn's cold-war profiteers.







## NOT A MOMENT LIKE THIS FOR SIXTEEN YEARS



Thirty jumps, twenty-nine starters, nine staying the course. An unlimited number of thrills—and a magnificent finish—with Royal Tan, ridden by Bryan Marshall, winning the Grand National by a neck from Tudor Line with Irish Lizard third. This was the closest finish to the world's toughest steeplechase since 1938, when Battleship beat Royal Danelli by a head.—Express Photo.

## EMPIRE GAMES NOTEBOOK

## The Eyes Of The Sporting World Are Focusing On The Four-Minute Mile

With all this talk of the four-minute mile, the eyes of the sporting world are focusing on Vancouver. There, in August, many of the greatest middle-distance runners will gather for the Empire Games.

The "names" will be there in force, John Landy, Roger Bannister, etc. But the show may be stolen by an unknown New Zealand cross-country runner.

He is Murray Halberg, an education student. Twenty years old, and a newcomer to the mile field, Halberg recently returned 4 min. 4 sec., less than three seconds off the world record. And he was handicapped by an unfavourable grass track.

Arthur Lydard, New Zealand's national Marathon Champion, who is coaching Halberg, thinks his young protégé might cause some shocks at Vancouver.

Bannister, is a 24-year-old medical student, completing his internship at the University of London. Self-trained for his spectacular 880-yard and mile runs, Bannister never took part in track events until he entered Oxford at the age of 18.

In 1951 he won the Benjamin Franklin Mile at the Penn Relays held at Philadelphia, USA. Last year he clocked 1958's fastest mile—4.02, equal to Australian John Landy's near-record.

Landy, is expected to attend the Games as part of a North American tour in which he will probably face the top United States milers.

## CANADA'S HOPE

Douglas Kyle is another student who may upset the forecasts. Kyle, 21-year-old undergraduate at the University of

British Columbia, is a distance runner and possibly Canada's best prospect for the longer events.

A modest, tenacious youngster, Douglas Kyle has been able to shatter the Canadian six-mile record in 1953 with a time of 31:04—the best time for the distance recorded in Canada or the United States for the year.

What caught the experts' attention, however, was the fact that Kyle made this time in a driving wind and rain. The track was so wet that a crew of sweepers were pressed into service at one point in an attempt to clear the flooded cinders. Observers also noted that he finished the six miles none the worse for wear, indicative of a considerable reserve of lasting power and stamina.

Kyle first started running at high school in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. While still a schoolboy, he trounced all competitors three times in the annual Saskatoon Open Road Race, and in 1951 he was the Saskatchewan one-mile open titleholder.

Kyle and another promising University of B.C. distance star, Peter Harris, have proved almost unbeatable in recent contests with college runners from the United States Pacific Northwest.

Recognition came to Kyle suddenly. On the same day that he was rated All-Canadian by the Amateur Athletic Union, he lowered the six-mile record by 44.8 seconds.

Canadian track officials look for big things from the former Saskatchewan boy this summer. When living on the prairies, Kyle was able to train only during the summer and had to content himself with ice skating

## Palmer's XI To Prepare

In preparation for this week-end's fixture against Mexico at Mexico, a practice game for the G. T. Palmer's XI will be held at Soakunpoo tonight at 6 p.m. The following comprise the XI and should attend:—

Mann (Army), Nery (Regio), Farid Khan (Thunderbolts), Rose (Recreio), Peters (Capt) (Army), Bhagat Singh (Sikh Bharat), Homer (Army), Gardner (YMCA), Smith (Army), Marques (Recreio), Steenbergen (Dutch), Reserve: Coffey (HKHC).

A further practice will be held on Friday at the same time and place.

**LEAGUE FOOTBALL**  
The following are the fixtures for all Divisions of the League:—

**Sunday**  
Mens' First Division: RAF v Argonauts; Kai Tak at 4 p.m. (Impress), Fraser (Warrior), and Hoycock.

**FUTURE FIXTURES**  
April 18  
Mens' Second Division: New Britain v Soakunpoo.

for training purposes during the winter. In snow-free Vancouver—site of the 1954 British Empire Games—Kyle has been able to train properly throughout the year.

(London Express Service)

## South China Jumper For Asian Games

A decision to provisionally invite Chu Ming, the South China Athletic Association jumper, to represent the Colony in his event at the Asian Games was reached by the Executive Committee of the Hongkong Amateur Association at its meeting yesterday.

Chu had improved the Colony record to 22 ft 10 1/2 ins in the triangular athletic meeting at Pokfulam on Sunday. This performance is the fifth best in Asia so far this year, and is four inches short of the best—23 ft 2 1/2 ins by Japan's Norikazu Sugawara.

The Executive Committee set dates and provisional venues for three more Association-run meetings this year. These will be the Annual Quadrangular Meeting (Army, Combined Royal Air Force and Royal Navy, South China Athletic Association and Combined Clubs) on Sunday, May 2, at Boundary Street; the Combined Services v. Combined Civilian Services v. Combined Open teams match on Sunday, May 16, at Kai Tak; and the Annual Colony Pentathlon Championship (Men's and Women's) at Pokfulam on Sunday, May 30.

The following new Colony records made at the Colony Championships at Caroline Hill on March 21 were ratified:

One Mile Walk in 8 mins 5 1/2 secs by H. McShure (RMAC); Javelin Throw of 137 ft 7 1/2 ins by 2/Lt Neville R. Hughes (Army & HKAA); Shot Put of 42 ft 9 ins by Chan Wal-chuen (SCAA); 110 Metres Hurdles in 10.0 secs by Capt J. E. Mulvaney (Mileocarian AC); Hammer Throw of 130 ft 8 1/2 ins by Sgt. D. Brand (RAF); 4 x 440 yds in 3 mins. 30.9 secs by Army.

The following new Colony records established at Pokfulam during the Triangular Meet between the HKUAC, HKAA and SCAC on Sunday were also ratified:—

Long Jump—22 ft 10 1/2 ins by Chu Ming (SCAA); Hop and Jump—44 ft 7 1/2 ins by George Thumby (MKAAC); 220 yds in 29.8 secs by Stephen Kevlar (HKAA); Women's 120 yds and 200 yds—29.8 and 1:00.0 by Miss Lam Kak-lan (SCAA); 4 x 110 yds Women's Relay—2:14.4 by South China team—Yau Chee-may, Yau Wing-sheung, Lam Kak-lan, Ng May-yan.

## Colony Junior Badminton Championships BORNEO-BORN SHUTTLE BRINGS OFF THE FIRST MAJOR UPSET

By "ARGONAUT"

Craigengower's Borneo-born shuttle, M. A. Ebrahim, brought off the first major upset of the Colony Open Junior Badminton Championships as the tournament went through its third night's programme at Recreio last night.

Striking with deadly accuracy in his placement shots, the Malay boy eliminated third-seeded Joseph Foo of University, a former runner-up in the singles event, by the comfortable margin of 15-0, 15-4.

Foo put up a game fight at the beginning of each set but showed unmistakable signs of having been out of practice.

Frequent errors in smashing and lobbing rendered him an easy prey to his speedy, accurate and tricky opponent.

The University player took a 1-0 lead in the opening set, but then began to overplay. Capitalizing on this lapse by his opponent and putting into effect his deadly drop shots, Ebrahim took the lead at 8-1.

Foo returned to the fray with a series of over-the-head cross-court smashes and drops to regain the lead at 4-8.

After two more errors by Foo, the Craigengower player moved into full stride and systematically mowed down his opponent with drops, lobs and smashes to force ahead to 11-4.

Foo fought back gamely and succeeded in catching one pomp point after four shuttlers of services before Ebrahim reeled off another four points in a row for the first set.

Ebrahim took a 4-0 lead in the second set. Foo closed in at 2-8, 3-8 and 4-8, but that was as far as he was able to get.

After three sets, Ebrahim was leading 3-0, having held scores less for three services. Ebrahim blitzed through with two spells of four and five points to win the set and match.

Second-seeded Johnny Pomeroy, Jr. gained an easy passage into the quarter-final with a 15-8, 15-8 win over Taikeo's Brian Douglas in what proved to be a mere tune-up match for the seeded player.

## MIXED DOUBLES

The two intra-club mixed doubles matches of the evening among the four Craigengower players resulted in clear wins for the seeded pairs. P. V. Yap and Fern Dhabner and Jimmy Koo and Mary Wong. Destroying special mention, however, was the fine performance of the other two in-joint contestants in these matches, Diana Yung and Anna Yung.

In the only Men's Doubles game of the evening, experience had the better of the day when seeded pair C. Y. San and W. N. Cheung edged out their youthful Chinese YMCA clubmates, K. C. Yung and Hon Yin-chang, by 15-8 and 15-12.

The losers made a brilliant recovery in the second set when they took the lead at 11-9 and 12-10 after having trailed behind by 0-7. Overanxiety in their killing shots at this stage caused

a series of simple errors and their eventual defeat at 15-12.

## TONIGHT'S GAMES

Highlight of this evening's programme of Championship games at Craigengower will be furnished by the second round singles clash between Craigengower's P. V. Yap and top-seeded Francis Rozario of Recreio.

Though he has not been accorded one of the seeded berths in the singles event, Yap has proved himself to be one of the most consistent singles players among the juniors in this season's League.

Rozario, who has again garnered the Recreio singles title with a narrow three-set victory over J. A. Soares, still has to prove himself capable of producing his best form under his match conditions.

He is the harder hitter of the two players and possesses a lethal weapon in his sharp

smashes, but Yap has more inches in singles tactics and will take the court with an even chance of upsetting the Recreio champion.

Another good match this evening will be the Junior Mixed Doubles encounter between Frank Yeh and Betty Yung and S. K. Wong and Chen Yuen-yue.

The two schoolgirl players in this match are evenly matched and have been coached into sound mixed doubles play.

Wong is a brilliant up-and-coming singles and doubles player but is still comparatively green in mixed doubles play.

Yeh has a slight advantage in this respect but a tendency to fall into simple errors may offset this. In any event this should be a close and exciting match.

## THE RESULTS

Mens' Singles—J. B. Pomeroy beat B. Douglas 15-8, 15-8; M. A. Ebrahim beat Joseph Foo 15-0, 15-4.

Mixed Doubles—P. Yap and B. Dhabner beat C. Y. San and W. N. Cheung 15-8, 15-12; Yung 15-9, 15-2; J. Koo and Mary Wong beat C. K. Chan and A. Young 15-8, 15-3.

Mens' Doubles—C. Y. San and W. N. Cheung beat K. C. Yung and Hon Yin-chang 15-8, 15-12.

The following are the fixtures for tonight, Thursday and Friday.

## TONIGHT AT CCC

Mixed Doubles—B. K. Lai and M. Lai v J. B. Pomeroy and C. Sequeira; S. K. Wong and Chen Yuen-yue v P. V. Yap and Fern Dhabner, 7:30 p.m.

Mens' Doubles—Wong Yung and M. Lai v M. A. Ebrahim and J. B. Pomeroy, 7:30 p.m.

Mens' Singles—P. V. Yap v M. A. Ebrahim, 8 p.m.; J. B. Pomeroy v B. Douglas, 8 p.m.

## THURSDAY AT TAKEOD

Mens' Singles—E. M. Lim v K. C. Yung at 8:30 p.m.; J. B. Pomeroy v B. Douglas at 8:30 p.m.

Mens' Doubles—K. C. Yung and W. N. Cheung v C. Y. San and W. N. Cheung at 8 p.m.; C. K. Chan and A. Young v J. Koo and Mary Wong at 8 p.m.

Mixed Doubles—P. Yap and B. Dhabner v Frank Yeh and Betty Yung at 8 p.m.; S. K. Wong and Chen Yuen-yue v J. B. Pomeroy and C. Sequeira at 8 p.m.

## FRIDAY AT JCC

Mens' Singles—A. A. de Rosa v J. B. Pomeroy at 7:30 p.m.; M. A. Ebrahim v B. Douglas at 7:30 p.m.

Mens' Doubles—K. C. Yung and W. N. Cheung v C. Y. San and W. N. Cheung at 7 p.m.; C. K. Chan and A. Young v J. Koo and Mary Wong at 7 p.m.

Mixed Doubles—P. Yap and B. Dhabner v Frank Yeh and Betty Yung at 7 p.m.; S. K. Wong and Chen Yuen-yue v J. B. Pomeroy and C. Sequeira at 7 p.m.

**OPEN FOUR-BALL**  
Results of matches played in the 4th round of this competition are as follows:—H. W. E. Heath/W. C. Hung lost to J. B. Mackie/Col. D. Baker-Carr 7/6; J. W. Nicholls/R. Davies beat A. M. L. Soares/H. R. de Pina 2/1; J. D. Clague/T. F. Waters lost to A. D. Duff/M. E. Douglas 6/5.

**OPEN FOURSOMES**  
The following are results in the second round of the Fanning Open Foursomes, Capt. Kennedy/Maj. Huysa beat J. B. Mackie/B. M. Macpherson 4/2; P. A. Larocche/B. Willescott lost to A. D. Duff/L. H. Robinson 5/3; S. M. Backe/J. G. Byington beat P. L. J. Greenhalgh/C. S. Hall 3/1; J. Goldman/D. S. Rebb lost to W. Stoker/R. K. Collings 4/2; J. F. McCane beat A. E. Ebbitt/L. Lindsey 3/2; H. W. E. Heath/J. B. Mackie beat W. D. Leighton/Maj. Eirik 4/2.

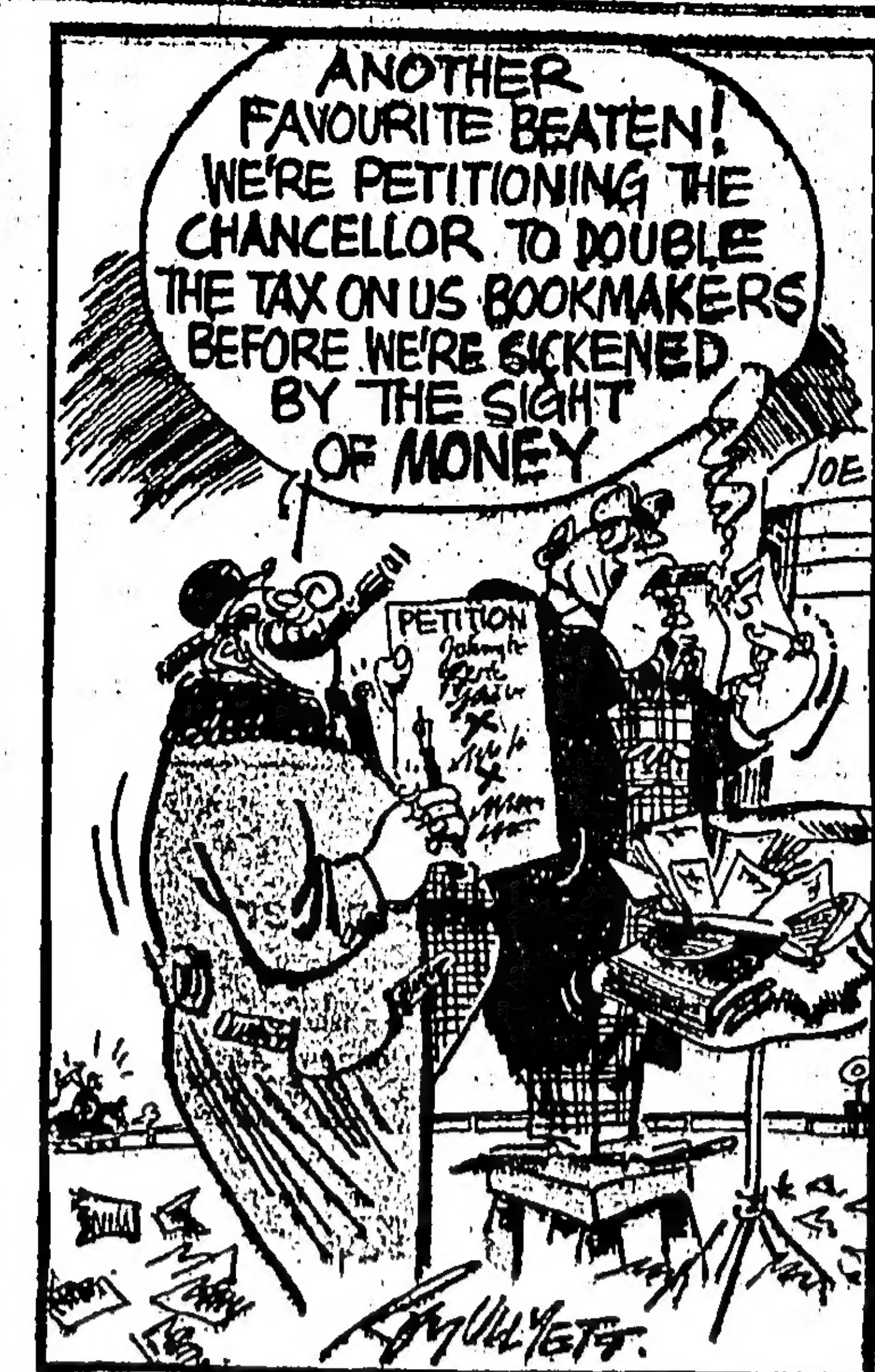
**BOGEY POOL**  
L. H. Robinson (78-8=68) won the week-end Bogey Pool on the Old Course with a return of 120 yds. N. P. Dwyer being placed second with two down against Bogey.

The Bogey competition on the New Course was won by E. C. Tyong with a score of "All square", runner-up being W. L. T. Cruden with one down.

**MISS SHIRLEY FRY** won the women's singles championship, defeating Miss Doris Hart, 6-3, 6-3.

**HUGH STEWART** and **GARDNER MULLOY** defeated Art Larson and Vic Seixas winning the men's doubles championship 6-3, 8-6.

In the mixed doubles finale, Gardner Mulloy and Miss Fry defeated Seixas and Miss Hart, 4-3, 6-3, 6-4.—United Press.



## Large Foreign Entry In American Badminton Championships

Niagara Falls, N.Y., Apr. 6. Foreign players may very well dominate the first United States national badminton tournament in which they have been allowed to participate.

Eddy and Dave Choong, brothers from Malaya regarded by many as today's top competitors, Ooi Teik Hock and Ong Poh Lim, members of Malaya's world champion Thomas Cup team, and Nandu Nataraj, India's rising young singles titlist, today loomed as the players to beat in the first Open Amateur Championships of the American Badminton Association here on April 7-11.

The presence of these stars from countries where badminton is the national sport makes the field the best in the 14 years running of the meet. Some 280 players will compete in the men's and women's singles and doubles, mixed doubles and veterans' doubles.

Observers believe that this tournament, which is the first since the U.S. National Association's bid to make the U.S. Nationals the championship of the world. At present that honour generally is conceded to the All-England Championships.

Americans are expected to dominate the women's competition. Judy Devlin of Baltimore, All-England queen, is the favorite. Her sister, Sue, with whom Judy won the All-England doubles, and Meri Shedd, Canadian Champion from Toronto, are leading contenders. Ethel Marshall of Buffalo, N. Y., will not defend the crown she won the past seven years. The Devlin girls are rated No. 1 in the doubles, —United Press.

**LEADING CONTENDERS**  
Eddy Choong and Nataraj are the leading contenders for the men's singles title, which Dr. David Freeman of California will not defend. Freeman, regarded by badminton experts as the best of all time, is now confining himself to the practice of neuro-surgery.

Choong, winner of dozens of trophies in Europe, recently took the All-England singles and paired with his brother to win the doubles. The brothers, who have been studying at Oxford in England, are favoured to annex the doubles crown here also.

Nataraj may be the tournament dark horse. Ken Davids, Chairman of the Overseas Players Committee, says the 20-year-old Bombay student is the current sensation of the badminton world. Slim and good-looking, Nataraj is a competitive and has a strong backhand.

Ooi and Ong both have been voted Malaya's Sportsman of the Year. Ooi, a Siam player, has held the All-Malayan singles, doubles and mixed doubles titles. Lim, a public relations man with speed and an unorthodox style, is regarded as the world's best doubles player.

India's T. N. Seth and Canadian Champion Don Smythe are also leading threats. Seth is a former All-India Champion. Smythe recently traded wins with Eddy Choong in a Canadian exhibition and placed second to the Malayan in the All-England tournament.

Charles, former heavyweight title-holder from Cincinnati, lost the crown to Jersey Joe Walcott in a seventh round knockout in Pittsburgh on July 19, 1937.

Marcano will resume training tomorrow at Grading Airport in upstate New York. Charles' training site has not yet been chosen.—United Press.

## MARCIANO AND CHARLES SIGN CONTRACTS

New York, Apr. 6. Champion Rocky Marciano and challenger Ezzard Charles signed formal Commission contracts today for their 15-round world heavyweight title fight at Yankee Stadium on June 17.

It will be Marciano's first bout since retaining his title by stopping Roland LaStarza of New York in the 11th round here last September 24. Charles knocked out Bob Satterfield of Chicago in the second round of his latest appearance on January 13.

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## FA CUP SEMI-FINAL



Preston North End beat Sheffield Wednesday by two goals to nil at Manchester in the semi-final of the Football Association Cup. They meet West Bromwich Albion in the final at Wembley.

Picture shows Wednesday's goalkeeper McIntosh clearing from a Docherty free kick. Morrison challenges for Preston, while Curtis (striped shirt) helps out McIntosh.—Express Photo.

## PING PONG POWERS FEAR THE JAPANESE

By SAM LEITCH

Eight honourable ping pong players from Japan, average age 20, have wound up their training for the world table tennis Championships opening at Wembley on Tuesday.

Between them they have the backing of a cool 20,000,000 fans. Yes, 20,000,000 follow the sport back home in the land of the Rising Sun. Even His Imperial Highness, Prince Akihito, the emperor's son, packs a wallop in his backhand.

Messieurs Tomita, Kawano, Tansu, Oghura, and the Misses Tanaka, Watanabe, Goto, and Guchi are the honourables.

### Pakistan Qualifies For Swaythling Cup Tournament

Wembley, Apr. 5. Pakistan advanced to the final groups in the Swaythling Cup play of the World Table Tennis Championships when it beat the Saar and Finland while losing to New Zealand in qualifying play today.

Twelve nations played in three groups of four today in these qualifying matches, with the winner and runner-up in each group to advance to the actual tournament which starts tomorrow.

Pakistan beat the Saar, 5-3, and Finland, 5-4, while New Zealand trimmed Pakistan, 5-1. New Zealand also went to the finals by beating Finland 5-1 and the Saar 5-2.—United Press.

out to humble the rest of the world at Wembley.

The Japanese have an amazing record in world table tennis.

It is so impressive that the table tennis powers, Hungary, Czechoslovakia, Rumania, Austria, France and England, may wonder what chance they and the other 20-odd competing nations have against the Oriental acts.

**TERRIBLY EFFICIENT**

In 1952, Japan sent two round-faced girls and three slim, terribly efficient men to Bombay to compete in the World Championships for the first time.

I saw them win four world titles and impress everyone with their speed, furious attack and team spirit.

In victory they bowed their way around the stuffy Bourne Stadium, registering toothy smiles all round.

In defeat they were so tragically quiet. One night I saw their champion, Narikazu Fujii (they called him "Cannon Ball King of the Orient") led away in tears after losing to a Frenchman.

Their technique will be a repeat of Bombay. Every player is an attacker.

They come as recent winners of both the men's and women's team events in All-Asian Championships.

A warning to the players who have to face the Japanese. When they smile, beware! They are about to try, and smack you off the table.

—(London Express Service)

## Happy Event

By HENRY LONGHURST

It was natural that a publisher gifted with the bright idea of producing a series entitled "The Pleasures of Life" should turn, on the subject of golf, to one who in 47 years of writing about it has probably given more pleasure over a longer period than anyone in that or any other game.

A book by Bernard Darwin is always an event in the golfing world, and the one published recently ("Golf," Burke, 21s.) is an event at least as happy as the best of its predecessors. It is a kind of Golden Treasury of writings, ancient and modern, by those who have delighted in golf, the whole interlarded in about equal proportions with vintage Darwin.

It fills me with a pleasurable anticipation and at the same time regret. I shall go instantly, for instance, and renew acquaintance with Sir Walter Simpson, whose "Art of Golf," written in 1892, I scanned only cursorily in less appreciative days.

"Carrying clubs," he wrote, "is one of the most agreeable trades open to the lower orders. In it an amount of drunkenness is tolerated which in any other would land the man in the workhouse. A very low standard of efficiency and very little work will secure a man a decent livelihood. If he is civil, willing to caddy for three or four hours a day and not apt to drink to excess before his work is done, he will earn a fair wage, and yet be able to lie abed till nine in the morning like a lord."

Any man who could write that is a friend of mine.

On the other hand, though, I regret I shall never know two in particular of the characters quoted in this book. A.J. Balfour, for instance, who wrote "with a fine sea view and a clear course in front of him the golfer should find no difficulty in dismissing all worries from his mind and regarding golf, even if it be very indifferent, as the true and adequate end of man's existence."

Care may sit behind the horseman, he never presumes to walk with the caddy. Sir Winston describes him as a man of "composed, detached, uplifted mental and moral vision." What a charming person he must have been.

### THE OLD DAYS

And John Low, who presented, the President's putter. Darwin tells how, in the old days, he took Low on his first visit to Woking, where he later settled, and how, as others hurried from the train to the waiting

Caroline United to their Cup Final victories of 1951 and 52, is again on the Wembley trail.

This time it's with the amateurs. Joe has been given full charge of the Crook Town side to play Bishop Auckland in the Amateur Final on April 10.

Harvey is coaching the Crook players after they finish work in the evenings. Newcastle have offered the amateurs full training facilities and have

invited both finalists to play practice matches at St. James' Park.

**NOT IN OPPOSITION**

Roonie Clayton, British Featherweight Champion, and Sammy McCarthy, his No. 1 rival, will be boxing at Empress Hall, London, on April 13—but not in opposition.

Clayton takes on Charlie Tucker of Cumberwell—a fine chance for the Londoner to prove that fortune has not been too kind to him in the matter of Championship opportunities.

A win for Tucker, even at two pounds over the title limit, could remove much of the shine from the Clayton-McCarthy Championship fight at the White City on June 1.

McCarthy's opponent on April 13 will be Joe Woussem, contender for the Belgian title. Last year McCarthy scored an eighth-round win over the champion of Belgium, Louis Cabo—who has won and lost points decisions against Woussem.

—London Express Service.

## THE SPORTS ROUND-UP

## A Fighting Fund Is Being Established In Aid Of A Tombstone

A fighting fund is being established in Hereford—in aid of a tombstone. But it's no ordinary tombstone. It marks the grave of one of the greatest men ever to enter the prize ring—Tom Spring.

Spring was bare knuckle Champion of England more than 100 years ago. Boxing was then a savage business, more so than today, yet Spring brought to the ring a degree of sportsmanship that has seldom been equalled, and earned the title "the lady's maid boxer."

His grave—at West Norwood Cemetery, London—has recently fallen into disrepair. The fund to renovate it, and to build a memorial, has been launched by Bob Thompson, a 32-year-old businessman and councillor of Hereford, Spring's birthplace.

Uruguay, the holders, are favourites to win the World Soccer Championship at Switzerland in June. European bookmakers are quoting odds of 5-2 on them retaining their title. Hungary are 7-2 and England 4-1.

**NOW SOGGER**

Combine soccer and rugby and what do you get? Why, sogger of course. And what's sogger? According to Northampton sports' enthusiasts it's a twelve-a-side game played under soccer rules but with a rugby ball. There will be a demonstration on May 3 when the Northampton League soccer team meet the town's crack Rugby Union side.

Lord Brabson of Tara has become the new President of the Professional Golfers' Association. He succeeds the late Lord Lyle of Westbourne. Brigadier-General A. C. Critchley has been elected Vice-President.

Joe Harvey, who led Newcastle United to their Cup Final victories of 1951 and 52, is again on the Wembley trail.

This time it's with the amateurs. Joe has been given full charge of the Crook Town side to play Bishop Auckland in the Amateur Final on April 10.

Harvey is coaching the Crook players after they finish work in the evenings. Newcastle have offered the amateurs full training facilities and have

invited both finalists to play practice matches at St. James' Park.

**NOT IN OPPOSITION**

Roonie Clayton, British Featherweight Champion, and Sammy McCarthy, his No. 1 rival, will be boxing at Empress Hall, London, on April 13—but not in opposition.

Clayton takes on Charlie Tucker of Cumberwell—a fine chance for the Londoner to prove that fortune has not been too kind to him in the matter of Championship opportunities.

A win for Tucker, even at two pounds over the title limit, could remove much of the shine from the Clayton-McCarthy Championship fight at the White City on June 1.

McCarthy's opponent on April 13 will be Joe Woussem, contender for the Belgian title. Last year McCarthy scored an eighth-round win over the champion of Belgium, Louis Cabo—who has won and lost points decisions against Woussem.

—London Express Service.

## SUSSEX AFTER THE DOUBLE

By ARCHIE QUICK

Spring is the harbinger of the cricket season, and everybody imagines that the County Clubs awake then from a winter's hibernation. Nothing could be further from the truth. Players and secretaries do not creep out of winter quarters, rub their eyes and start getting down to work. They have been at it all the time.

A typical example is the Sussex Club which is this summer celebrating its hundredth year of existence. The drive for new members—the target is 5,000—has been on all the football season during which hundreds of pounds have been raised by weekly sweepstakes.

Most of this is being ploughed back into ground improvements, and the pleasant Hove enclosure is going to be one of the most up-to-date of the Test circuit. It has been entirely redecorated and large grass mounds have been raised for bigger and better accommodation for spectators.

Like all the other County Clubs winter instruction has been going on at indoor nets and at Sussex the brothers James and John Langridge have been in charge. Their aim is the Sussex "double" in 1954—Brighton and Hove Albion FC for promotion to Division Two for the first time and the County Cricket Championship for the first time in 100 years—so narrowly missed last season through injury to Alan Oakman.

Every week the football sweepstake during the eight winter months brings in an average of £100—over £3,000 a year—and not only has some of this been devoted to improving the Hove ground, but each of the "capped" professionals has been made a grant of £50—the same as at neighbouring Hampshire CCC.

All young players now being taken on to the professional staff are to be fully equipped with playing kit, gear and bag and Sussex has as many promising youngsters as ever in their long history.

The absence of captain David Sheppard will be a big batting loss and a big loss for morale, but Hubert Doggart comes in as successor and he is of England class and very popular.

From "Ranji" and Fry to "Duleep" and Tate Sussex has always been one of the most attractive counties; there is no reason to suppose that they will not continue that way, and now they have an enclosure worthy of a champion side.

Members of the Indian Recreation Club are advised that the lawn bowls greens will be officially opened as from today.

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This, mind you, about a man who has played more than 50 times for Scotland in all forms of international, who has captained his country since the war, who has been playing football summer and winter for years without a break.

**CONTEMPTIBLE**

How contemptible. Perhaps the whisperers prefer their nasty rumours. But for those of you who want to know the truth about Young, here it is. He has torn muscles in both legs. Yes, both. One leg is black from the hip to the back of the knee. The other has black, bruised patch as big as a

hand. The muscles "went" when Young overreached himself.

Rangers have a big chance of winning the Scottish Cup, plus a slim hope of the League Championship. But their captain, George Young, won't be able to help them much.

He will NOT play in Rangers' remaining league games—He will almost certainly not be fit to play for Scotland against Norway on May 6 or to go on the SFA tour to Norway and Finland. It is even very possible he will go to Canada with Rangers as a holidaymaker, and not as a player.

That is just how serious Young's injuries are. Without exaggeration.

It is disgusting that he should now be accused of shamming. Like the rest of us, he has his faults. Lack of courage, moral or physical, has never been among them.

—(London Express Service)

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## Defeat By Macao Does Not Make HKFA Less Ambitious

Hongkong will invite either Arsenal, Blackpool, West Bromwich, Preston or Tottenham, in that order of preference, to play three matches here and three in Manila after the Asian Games provided Manila is willing to bear half the expenses, the H.K. Football Association decided yesterday.

The HKFA Interport sub-committee at its meeting yesterday estimated that the travelling expenses of the English professional team would be around £10,000.

Under tentative plans the English team will play one of their Manila matches against a combined Hongkong and Formosa team after the Asian Games.

The Interport sub-committee yesterday also decided to accept the Philippine Amateur Athletic Federation's invitation to send seven senior players to combine with four Hongkong student interporters in two exhibitions, on April 17 and 18 against the Philippines' Asian Games team, and to suggest to the PAAF that a Council member accompany the seven.

Earlier the manager of the Manila Interport team, which played here recently, had asked Captain George to send an Army team to Manila, but that was not possible. Fl-Lt Hides told the meeting yesterday he would have offered to send his RAF team if he had been given sufficient notice.

**And The Grasshoppers**

The meeting also rejected a proposal of the Austrian Wacker team to play three matches here at the beginning of January because it considered the "Austrians" terms too high but decided to ask the Grasshoppers team of Zurich for terms regarding three matches here at the beginning or end of January.

The seven senior players who will go to Manila in mid-April at the PAAF's expense will be drawn from Sing Tao, Kwong Wah and Eastern and will not include any member of the Colony's Asian Games team. It was also decided to offer pre-sale tickets for the soccer

**INTERNATIONAL CUP**

The following will represent Great Britain in the International Cup against China on Saturday:

Granger (Army), Armstrong (Club), Wells (Army), Toth (R.A.F.), Fraser (Army), Hughes (Police), Lunnon (Army), Reeves (Army), Gordon (Club), Jobling (Navy), McGregor (Navy), reserves, McLaren (R.A.F.), Dowling (R.A.F.), McCauley (Navy), Higgins (Army), Gilbey (R.A.F.), Moss (Police), McGregor (Club).

Team manager, CI Dewar; trainer, Docherty.

**Colony Fencing**

**Championships**

Following are the results of the Colony Fencing Championships (foil) held at the European YMCA last night.

Pool 1—G. Ozorio, J. Grose-Hodge, S. Leung-Wai-koong, J. Chan, S. Freeman, C. Chang Ke-lan.

Pool 2—Fong Ho-wai, S. Woo Chiu-wai, J. G. Tong, J. Marcell, Williams, S. Hung Hui-to, J. Goodall, S. Day, S. F. Fung, S. Nicol.

The following have been promoted to the finals to be held at the European YMCA on April 6—Grose-Hodge, Freeman, Marcell, Williams, Day, F. Fung.

## Hungary Fear Austrian Footballers

Austria will reach the final of the World Cup. Who says so? None other than Ferenc Puskas, captain of Hungary's team and one of the world's greatest footballers.

A sign of defeatism in the Hungarian ranks? Not really. Says Puskas: "Like every big competition it's a large question mark. I think the Austrians are OUR most dangerous opponents. But we shall see."

Puskas made the prophecy in an interview with Nepszava, a Hungarian national newspaper.

He was also asked if he would like to be a trainer.

He replied "I love training people who are just starting the game."

"I did start teaching some youngsters, but at present my own training programme and other obligations make it impossible. But as soon as I can, I'll start teaching again."

## Home Soccer Results

London, Apr. 5. Celtic beat Motherwell 3-1 in the Scottish Cup semi-final replay today. The game was played at Hampden Park. Celtic will meet the winners of next Saturday's Aberdeen-Rangers semi-final.

Other results were:

**LEAGUE III (NORTH)**

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—Reuter.



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"CYCLOPS"	Glasgow	London		24th Apr.	25th Apr.
"PERSEUS"	London			24th Apr.	25th Apr.

Scheduled sailings from Europe

	Liverpool	Glasgow	London	Sails	Arrives
G. "ANTIOCHUS"	Liverpool	Glasgow	London	6th Apr.	7th Apr.
G. "CYCLOPS"	do	do	do	7th Apr.	8th Apr.
G. "PERSEUS"	do	do	do	13th Apr.	14th Apr.
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## Trials For 5 New British Ships

Sunderland, Apr. 5.  
Five vessels are due to leave Sunderland on their trials. The first to sail will be the single-screw motorship Adjutant (1,400 tons, d.w.) built by S. P. Austin & Son, Ltd., for the General Steam Navigation Company, Ltd., London.

The vessel, which has the distinction of being the first in which Messrs Austin have fitted machinery, will have a six-cylinder sulzer engine (Type 6 TPD 48), built at the Winterthur Works of Sulzer Brothers, Ltd., and imported to Messrs Austin's Scotia Quay, where the installation was carried out.

The machinery will develop 1,800 bhp at 255 rpm. The Adjutant will run her trials prior to handling over early this month.

Two tankers are due for handling over this month too. One is the Border Lass (16,000 tons d.w.), the first of three sister ships on order at Sunderland for the Lowland Tanker Company, Ltd., of Newcastle and London. Built by William Doxford & Sons, Ltd., at Pallion, the Border Lass has a length of 315 feet, breadth of 69 feet six inches and depth of 37 feet six inches, and has been fitted with a six-cylinder Doxford engine.

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The Huntfield has been built by Sir James Laing & Sons, Ltd., and the first two were built by Messrs Doxford. The Huntfield is designed for a trial speed of 15 knots, on a six-cylinder Doxford engine.

Two cargo vessels also scheduled for handling over this month are the cargo motorship Pindar (10,200 tons d.w.) built by Short Bros., Ltd., for the Parana Compania de Vaporos, S. A. Panama, and the Thorpe Grange, a motorship of 11,800 tons, which Bartram & Sons, Ltd., are building

to the order of the Houlder Line, Ltd., London.

The Pindar has had an eight-cylinder Sulzer engine, built by Messrs Sulzer Bros., and installed by George Clark (1938) Ltd. It will give a service speed of 14 knots.

The Thorpe Grange, the first vessel built by Messrs Bartram for the Houlder Line, is fitted with a four-cylinder Doxford-type engine supplied by the Wallend Slipway and Engineering Company, Ltd., which will develop 4,200 bhp at about 114 rpm to give speed in service of 13½ knots.—United Press.

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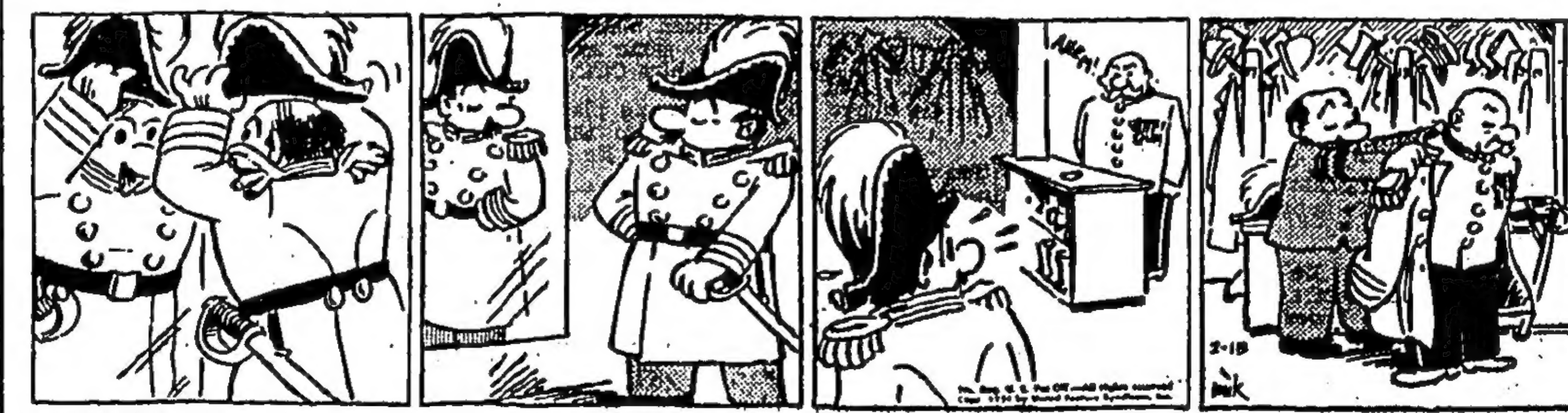
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He has drawn up a 3,000,000-dollar (£1,070,000 sterling) plan to dig it out—razing 300 homes and re-housing 1,000 persons in the process. It involves digging a deep trench around the perimeter of the fire to isolate it and then mining to the core of the blaze. Government help would be needed.

The United States Government, the Hudson Coal Company and the Pennsylvania State mining bureau had all tried unsuccessfully to combat the fire with water and all flushing operations which have cost seven hundred thousand dollars.

Deadly carbon monoxide fumes seeping up from the heated coal have made scores of people ill and claimed at least two lives.—China Mail Special.

## Queen Orders Mourning

London, Apr. 5.

The Queen today ordered members of the Royal Family to observe a week's mourning for Crown Princess Mowin at Norway who died early this morning.

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THERE were long, lonely evenings, then, and often there was home-sickness, but gradually Mary grew used to living alone in a town, and the old wounds healed.

Six months ago, she switched her job and became a cashier in a department store. From then, for some reason or other, a new kind of trouble began.

Now, she who had always been so careful, found herself, week after week in debt. She began to steal from the till she minded.

At Bow Street, the other morning, Mary, a slim, ginger-haired woman now pleaded guilty to a total of £3 10s. 0d.

MARY'S CONFESSION

"THOUGH she is charged with stealing, the total defalcation amounts to about £40," a policeman said to Mr. Bertram Reece, the magistrate, and went on to tell Mary's story, while she fought to control the heavy sobs that shook her.

"Yesterday," said the officer, "when she had paid her debts with the stolen money, she went to the manager and confessed what she had done, because she said it was on her conscience. The firm say she was good in her work."

"How does it come about that you were behaving in this disgraceful way?" Mr. Reece asked Mary.

CONTRITION

SHE tried to answer, but the sobs would not let her. "If you get cashiers being dishonest, anything may happen," said the magistrate. He sent Mary off to see Miss Hamilton, the probation officer, who presently brought her back.

"I think," said Miss Hamilton, then, "she's genuinely contrite, and someone who needs help. I think that her mother is a very strictly religious woman, and that this girl could not face life up there at home, again."

Mary was put on probation. This time, though she had done wrong again, pity, not reproach, surrounded her. Seeing her go you wondered what her family would say, if ever the news should reach them.

### LOSING HIS PIGMENTATION

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cases of natives losing their colour in spots, but I have never seen one lose his colour so completely.

The African, aged about 60, works on a farm about 26 miles from Wolmarstad, says he has been losing his colour steadily, "since the war"—which war he did not make clear.

His parents were Africans and his children are typically dark-skinned. The only trace of his former colour remaining is on his nose. This too, says the district surgeon, will probably vanish in time.

Asked to comment, a Johannesburg physical anthropologist said that he had never known of a case of this sort—France-Press.

## HK'S FIRST FLOUR MILL TO BECOME OPERATIVE China Provident Co Leases Out New Building

Presenting his report at the annual general meeting of the China Provident, Loan & Mortgage Co., Ltd., this morning, Major S. M. Churn, the chairman, disclosed that a modern building was now in the course of construction which for a period of years has been leased for use as Hong-kong's first flour mill.

Major Churn said that during the year capital expenditure totalled \$2,343,000, bringing the post war total capital expenditure to over six and a half million dollars.

Net profit for the year at \$1,478,982 was 18 per cent better than in 1952. Dividends and bonuses on both Old and New shares were recommended in the appropriations.

Addressing the meeting, Major Churn said:

The year under review was a difficult one, but our plans have proceeded smoothly. The results achieved will, we think, be considered as satisfactory by shareholders and although the volume of business available throughout the year was restricted due to the embargo, we feel that your company had its fair share, and has maintained its position in the port.

The net profit for the period was \$1,478,982. This is \$226,000, or 18%, better than in the previous year.

The new capital raised in the latter part of 1952 has been invested in the replacement of the temporary godowns on the site of those destroyed during the war, with modern reinforced concrete permanent structures and also our new Godown No. 19, a reinforced concrete building of six floors, one of which is equipped as a modern cold storage plant.

These new premises are all of fire-resisting construction and ventilated so that the air is changed eight times every hour. The total capital expenditure during the year was \$2,343,000, bringing the post war total capital expenditure to over \$6,500,000.

There is also in course of construction on the site of our old No. 14 Godown, destroyed during the war, a modern building of five floors, which has been leased for a period of years for use as Hong-kong's first flour mill. This building is so designed that it can be converted for storage purposes should the lease fall in.

Your company is now equipped to take care of all types of cargo.

Shareholders will of course realise the new capital raised during 1952 has, as yet, made little contribution to revenue, for the new premises were not completed until towards the end of last year.

Storage revenue was well maintained and expenses per dollar revenue slightly reduced.

#### VIOLATE REGULATIONS

During the year under review we were almost claim free. Unfortunately, the staff of a godown, who in the first instance made a minor infraction of our regulations, allowed themselves to be coerced into a major deflection by outside sources. These employees, some of whom had been in the company's employ for over twenty years, were dismissed after they had made restitution from their Provident Funds. Three other were paid ex gratia.

In order to arrange the financing of the development of our associate North Point Wharves, Ltd.'s western berth, your Directors decided to increase our large holding in that company by offering one of this company's shares for every two of the associate's shares. This offer was accepted by the large majority of shareholders we could contact, and as a result we held, at the end of the year, 95.97% of the issued capital. Further shares have since been exchanged. Only holders of 6,100 shares, less than 1%, refused the offer.

As a result of this transaction the essential development is now being carried out, and the, as it now is, subsidiary's loan capital placed on a definite basis, repayable over a long period under the company's guarantee.

The increase of issued capital due to this exchange was 220,500 shares of \$5 each, credited as fully paid up.

#### PROFIT & LOSS A/C

Turning to the Profit & Loss Account, you will note that Debit charges have been reduced by \$64,000. This comprises \$40,000 being reduction due to Sinking Funds matured in 1952—therefore further appropriations were unnecessary; the balance being cash residual value of Nissen buildings demolished during the year and replaced by permanent buildings.

The credit side of this account has received a satisfactory increase in revenue from our subsidiary companies.

The Appropriation Account has been credited with \$359,088, being profit on the sale of two small godowns.

The cost of the exchange of shares above-mentioned has been wholly written off.

You will note that the sum of \$258,000 has been transferred from Appropriation Account to Capital Reserve, making this reserve up to the issued capital.

A General Reserve of \$2 million has been created by the transfer of that sum from Investment Fluctuation Reserve. This latter reserve now stands at over \$1 million, being 25% of the market value of our investments.

Transfers to Reserves for Typhoon Losses and Claims have been provided for as usual.

#### TWO ACCIDENTS

The higher transfer to Marine Losses Reserve is attributable to making good the reserve cost of repairs to six lighters involved in two accidents: one when a film scrap took fire in the Dangerous Goods Anchorage and, apart from damage to the lighter, unfortunately five lives were lost; and the other, when five lighters were damaged during a typhoon on the early morning of September 2, last. On this latter occasion five other lighters in the same vicinity flourished, which amply demonstrates the robust construction and seaworthiness of our craft.

You will note that after making the above provisions and providing for dividends, the carry forward to 1954 is over seventeen lakhs.

In the Balance Sheet the reduction under Land is the net book value of two small godowns sold during the year. Buildings Account has increased by the cost of new Godowns Nos. 7, 8 and 19, and Vessels, Machinery &c., by the cost of carrying handling machinery installed in these new premises.

Our holdings in subsidiary companies are shown at market value of over four and a half million dollars, against which there is a reserve of over one million dollars. During the year under review we acquired 438,270 additional North Point Wharves, Ltd. shares and 74,132 Sandakan Light & Power Co. (1922) Ltd. shares.

The book value of our gross assets increased by nearly three million dollars during the year.

#### AMPLE RESERVES

Reserves and Surplus total nearly twelve million dollars and are very ample.

Staff Superannuation Funds now stand at \$321,000.

I regret to record the death of our former colleague, Mr. Li Tse-fong, a Director of this company for 23 years, and we extend to his family our deepest sympathy in their bereavement.

As usual, the Company's staff have served us conscientiously and well during the year and I wish to record our appreciation of their loyal service. A tangible token of your appreciation is included in the Appropriations to be voted at this meeting.

During the year there were several changes in your directorate. After the sad decease of Mr. Li Tse-fong, his son, Mr. Li Fook-wo, who has several times served on the Board, was invited to take his father's place. We also invited Messrs. F. K. Cleary and A. K. Krumm to join us and are pleased that these three gentlemen were able to accept our invitations and give us the benefit of their counsel and advice.

Mr. R. Johannessen is retiring in a few months' time, and I take this opportunity of wishing both him and Mr. Johannessen many long and happy years in retirement.

You will note that Mr. Robert Ho Tung, K.C., comes up for reelection for re-election. Sir

Robert is our senior Director, having served on the Board for 27 years since 1929, and his colleagues recommend his reelection.

I beg to propose that the Directors' Report, Accounts and Balance Sheet for the year ended December 31, 1953, as presented, be adopted, and that the balance available be dealt with as recommended by the Directors, namely—to pay a dividend of \$1 per share and a bonus of 20 cents per share, both free of tax, on 813,081 "Old" shares, absorbing \$976,429; pay a special dividend and bonus on 20,500 "New" shares ranking for dividend from 1.7.53 at 60 cents per share, free of tax, absorbing \$132,336; pay the annual bonus to the staff at the discretion of the Directors, absorbing \$148,000; and to carry forward to 1954 Account \$1,738,077.

Seconding the adoption of the report and accounts, Dr. D. Laing said:

I must congratulate the Board and Management on the particularly difficult year when our Board or Management could have harnessed the tide of trade. As shareholders, we, of course, realise that there is a time lag between the raising of new capital and bringing it into bearing. The increase in profits and assets is gratifying, as is the profitable operation of our subsidiaries. I am sure shareholders will approve of the tangible token of their appreciation to the staff.

I would also commend to your approval the re-election of our senior Director, Sir Robert Ho Tung, K.C., who has served our interests for 27 years. In this connection I would commend you that both Major Churn and Mr. Croucher have been on the Board for 26 years, and that the former has presided at our meetings since 1936.

#### OTHER BUSINESS

The Hon. Sir Robert Ho Tung and Mr. R. Johannessen, who were due to retire by rotation, and the confirmation of the appointments of Messrs. A. Krumm, F. K. Cleary and Li Fook-wo to the Board was proposed by Mr. T. B. Wilson and seconded by Mr. R. B. Anderson.

Messrs. Peat, Marwick, Mitchell and Company, Chartered Accountants, were re-appointed auditors to the company for the ensuing year at a fee of \$8,000 on the proposition of Mr. F. R. Zimmern, seconded by Mr. D. H. Hazell.

The Directors present at the meeting, apart from Sir Robert Ho Tung, who was on sick leave, were: Mr. R. S. Churn (Chairman), Mr. R. Johannessen, A. Krumm, N. V. A. Croucher, Li Fook-wo, F. K. Cleary, R. A. Wickerson (Managing Director), and the Secretary, Mr. A. D. Learmonth.

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